

Copy of the letter given to Year 11 students on Friday 27th April, 2018:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I'm pleased to let you know about two ways in which we are supporting our Year 11s with their preparations for the forthcoming exams:

GCSEPod – Online Revision Resource

Every Y11 student has been given access to GCSEPod, which is an award-winning service with thousands of hours of professionally produced, audio-visual content which will benefit them through the final stages of revision. GCSEPod includes over 4,000 audio-visual pods. The Pods contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success. They won't need to use GCSEPod for long to see the impact; in fact, consistent use of just 10-minute chunks is proven to support achievement whatever your child's target grade is.

The GCSEPod website can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the Pods can be downloaded for offline viewing. The Pods are mapped to the curriculum and students can access pre-set exam playlists which collate all the Pods relevant to a specific exam into a neatly organised list.

Once your child has activated their account they can browse the Pod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music. We recommend that you discuss GCSEPod with your son or daughter to ensure that they have successfully activated their accounts and encourage them to make use of this service throughout their remaining few weeks of revision time.

Initial feedback from students is very positive – they are finding GCSEPod very easy to use. However, if your child has any difficulties using the system, please use the help pages on the website, email support@gcsepod.com or contact Mr Rowley.

Thursday 3rd May – Revision sessions on the Election Day

On Thursday 3rd May, a programme of extra sessions is running from 11:20- 3:30pm. Students need to pre-book which sessions they will attend and have been given a form to do so. This should be returned on Monday 30th April. These sessions are optional and students do not need to wear school uniform. The café will be serving food at lunchtime.

Consortium lessons will continue as normal on 3rd May: it is important that consortium students attend college as this will help them to finish their courses before the main exams start.

Yours sincerely

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