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18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As an Academy we have purchased a fantastic programme to support your child with independent learning, it is called GCSE pod. All students have been automatically enrolled on to it and they will just need to visit the home page of GCSE Pod to log on with their school email address and date of birth <a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/students/">https://www.gcsepod.com/students/</a>

To further support you and explain in more detail about GCSE pod, please visit this web page <a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/parent-resources/">https://www.gcsepod.com/parent-resources/</a>

GCSE pod is a fantastic way to learn, revisit topics your child may be unsure of and check progress. Your child can do mini 'check and challenge' tests if they wish, and the programme will identify any misconceptions and suggest further 'pods' to watch to bridge any gaps. You can search for specific topics in the tool bar on the home page. All pods are between 3min-5min long and developed by teachers and exam boards.

It is critical that all children begin good learning habits early. Little but often extra independent work will really enable them to succeed whilst at school and beyond. Please do ask your child to log on this week using a mobile device or laptop.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's year team via the MCAS app.

Sincerely,

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Mrs Downing Assistant Principal

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