

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to invite you to an online session on how you can support your child to prepare for their forthcoming mock and GCSE exams through GCSE Pod.

As you are aware all students at Smith's Wood Academy have been subscribed to the revision website GCSE POD. This is a website with short videos which go through the contents of their exams and there are accompanying questions to help students prepare for their exams. Nationally, the data shows us that students who use GCSE Pod achieve one grade higher on average than those students who do not. In our recent mock exams, in November, our data showed us that students who used GCSE Pod consistently achieved a grade and a half higher than students in the school who do not. Therefore, we believe that this online platform is a fantastic resource to enable our students to be successful.

To support you as parents or guardians we are running an online session to help you encourage your students with their revision through GCSE Pod. The session will be around 20 minutes long and will cover what GCSE Pod is and how students can use it effectively for their revision. The sessions will be held via Microsoft TEAMS which you can access via the app or website.

The sessions will be held on

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - 11.30am

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e1e09baf-2bd8-4681-a01a-a95205032ce7@90a97c1e-628a-49b2-8a9d-5c3a3da79efb>

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - 8pm <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/f39401ca-6ee3-4a44-a772-b2ccc8bfcc9d@90a97c1e-628a-49b2-8a9d-5c3a3da79efb>

We would ask that you register for this event beforehand. To do this, please click on the link to register for the event.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Yours faithfully

Louise Hayward

Head of Music/GCSE Pod Lead