

WS/Rns/Y11

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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSEPod is now available at Boston Spa Academy. We have subscribed to the award-winning service to give your child access to thousands of hours of professionally produced, audio-visual content which will benefit them as they prepare for their GCSE examinations.

GCSEPod has over 5,000 teacher-written, audio-visual pods which have been produced specifically for learning, homework and revision. 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.

GCSEPod 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 GCSEs. We have launched this with students in assembly today and would like all of Year 11 to activate their accounts straight away so they can benefit from these amazing resources as soon as possible.

All students have already been registered with GCSEPod and simply need to activate their account and choose a username and password. To access GCSEPod for the first time, students should follow these simple steps:

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "**Login**" in the top right hand corner
- 2) Click "**New here? Get started.**"
- 3) Select "**Pupil**"

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- 4) Enter your **child's name, date of birth and type the school name.** Your school should appear in the dropdown list. Click on the school in this list to confirm it. (We are listed as Boston Spa School, not Academy)
- 5) Select a username, password and a password hint to help you remember the password.

Once logged in, students can search for Pods by keyword, a specific exam or subject area. Teachers may set specific Pods for homework but students can use this resource any time they wish and can watch Pods they think will help them revise topics they need support with.

For more ways you can help support your child using GCSEPod, visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information and resources.

If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please contact Mrs Westerman who is GCSEPod Lead for the school.

For specific technical advice please use the help pages on the website or email support@gcsepod.com.

We're looking forward to helping your child get the best from this new resource! I attach a flyer with some useful information to help your child get started.

Yours sincerely



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Attached: GCSEPod : Quick Start Guide