

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Getting Ready for KS4

As you know, your child(ren) will be starting their exciting journey of GCSE studies in September. I would like to help students with their preparation for the “step up” by introducing you to GCSEPod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,700 schools worldwide.

As a subscriber, your child now has access to GCSEPod’s library of over 6,500 ‘Pods’, 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable: every Pod is mapped to an exam board, and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success – all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists.

In every subject (except for a few), there is an option to select “Getting Ready for KS4 (GCSE)”. In this section, you will see a list of “PODs” (short videos) that are deemed by the exam boards as important to know prior to starting GCSE studies. Many subjects also have workbooks available via the “Extra Resources” drop down menu for students to complete as well as watching the PODs. To access these subjects, your child(ren) will need to click on the “Getting Ready for KS4” Icon on the Home Screen (as shown below).



As well as Pods, GCSEPod also has a host of Student Learning Activities, which are designed to help students commit content to their long-term memory. Alongside this is the award-winning Check & Challenge tool, which provides quizzes for your child to test their knowledge and to track their progress throughout the academic year. Check & Challenge provides scaffolded support through hints, multiple choice options and feedback statements which helps to consolidate learning and build students’ confidence. All of this will no doubt help students during Y10 and Y11.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents) where you’ll find lots more information, a specially created Parent Toolkit with information on making the most of your child’s subscription and links to their fantastic upcoming parent/carer webinars: <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/>

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions in this link “[getting started](#)”.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or GCSEPod please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Raising Achievement Manager