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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a reminder that St Martin's School has recently invested in GCSEPod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,250 schools worldwide. It is particularly relevant for Years 9, 10 and 11 but can also be used by students in Year 7 and 8.

As a subscriber, your son or daughter now has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,000 '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 son or daughter needs for GCSE success, all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists.

One of the best things about GCSEPod is that you can download any Pod to your son or daughter's mobile device, and then they can watch them at any time, in any place, with or without internet. It's like they're carrying a whole set of textbooks in their pocket! Make sure you download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported) to access this feature.

GCSEPod also has the ability to identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to help fill them. After completing any homework set on GCSEPod, your son or daughter will get a personalised "Boost Playlist" of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest you encourage your son or daughter to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

We recommend that you talk about GCSEPod with your son or daughter check that they've successfully activated their account and encourage them to make use of this amazing resource throughout their GCSE's. Once they've activated their account, they can browse the GCSEPod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music.

For more ways to support your son or daughter using GCSEPod, please visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents) where you'll find lots more information and resources.

Your son or daughter has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the attached instructions. If your son or daughter has already activated but can't remember their username and password, please ask them to contact [ITSupport@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ITSupport@st-martins.essex.sch.uk)

If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please contact our IT Department on the e-mail address given above.

Yours sincerely

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