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Dear Parent or Carer,

GCSEPod is now available at Central Lancaster High School! 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 throughout the coming year.

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.

All students have already been registered with GCSEPod and simply need to activate their account. 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. Enter their **school network username** in the 'Username or Email Address' box
3. Enter the password **Lancaster2018** (case sensitive)
4. Once logged in, students should go to the 'My Account' section to change their password and enter a password hint. If they forget their password this can be reset by any teacher.
5. They can then search for Pods by keyword, a specific exam or subject area.

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

We're looking forward to helping your child get the best from this new resource!

Yours sincerely

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