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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the Christmas holidays about to begin, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about GCSEPod, a website used for revision, which we have subscribed to for the benefit of our students.

Nationally, there is clear evidence that students who use GCSEPod for regular revision by streaming or downloading videos make excellent progress and achieve their “good” or “outstanding” grades.

It is an excellent website and is also available as an app to download onto a tablet or mobile phone; simply search for GCSEPod in the App Store. Students should be well accustomed to using GCSEPod by now in preparation for their GCSE in English Literature, however analysis suggests that students could be taking more advantage of the Pods available for Science, Humanities, MFL and almost every other subject.

If your son/daughter has forgotten either their username or password, their tutor has the usernames and can re-set their password for them. If a student needs their password reset, it will be set as Marches1 and when students log back in they can change the password to something memorable to them.

How do you get the most out of the website?

I suggest an excellent place to start would be the new section on study skills and how to revise. There are several short videos with superb advice on how to use the Pods independently.

In short, the best way to use the Pods is for students to create their own revision materials as they watch them, pausing the videos after key information and noting it down. Using a pack of index cards to produce personal flash cards to revise key topics works especially well. Other students recommend creating a mind-map for each Pod.

If you need any assistance logging onto GCSEPod, please do not hesitate to email me.

Kind regards

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