



GCSE POD



Parent Support Guide

What is GCSE Pod?

- A revision website that has been proven to support students to achieve one grade higher on average compared to non-users.
- The website is accessible on the go produced specifically for mobiles, tablets and PCs. It will soon be available as an downloadable App. Resources are also downloadable where Wi-Fi/data isn't available.
- It has over 7,500 pods which are short videos, knowledge quizzes, playlists and so much more.
- Content is delivered in an easy-to-digest format with tasks broken down into 3-5 minute chunks. Making it convenient and effective.



Why do parents love GCSE Pod?

- Fun and interactive content motivates students to take charge of their learning.
- Accessible anywhere: parents and students love the flexibility of accessing high-quality learning materials on any device.
- Parent involvement: the platform provides insights into their progress helping parents support their children more effectively.
- Builds confidence offers bitesize videos and quizzes that simplify complex topics and boosts exam confidence.
- School-parent partnership for learning success.

How are we using this as a school?

- We have subscribed to the platform to support our students to enhance their learning and get further ahead leading up to their assessments and exams.
- Teachers will be setting tasks using playlists and 'Check and Challenge' quizzes to monitor student understanding.
- Competitions will be running in school for the most usage.
- It will not be used to replace homework or revision for students. It will be an addition on top of this.

How do we log on to GCSE Pod?

Students can log in by visiting the website GCSEPod.com
They can then choose the option to sign in using Office 365 using their school login details.

Parents will not need to have their own login; you can use your child's login details if you wish to go on to the platform yourself.

1 Go to GCSEPod.com and click **LOGIN**

2 Click the **Sign in with Office 365** button

3 Pick an account

4 Set a password for your account and click **save**

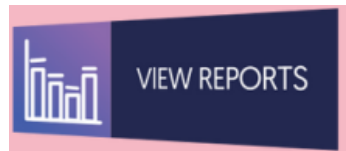
5 You are now logged in and ready to set your subjects
The next time you log in just repeat steps 1 and 2

How can I support my child?

We encourage you to explore the platform with your child helping them to organise their revision to suit their learning.

Monitor your child's usage

To check how often your child is using it, you can go to 'View Reports' on the left-hand side.



Help them analyse their own usage by asking questions, for example:

- Are they studying one subject more than others? Check they aren't focusing too much on subjects they prefer.
- What goals could they set? An example could be watching a number of Pods in a single subject.

School competitions will be taking place but be sure to reward your child for reaching milestones with Pods.

Getting to know the platform:

Your child has been shown how to choose the subjects they are studying in the 'Browse Pods' section. Within each subject are topics that they can choose to study depending on what they are learning in school.

Your child will have been PLCs (Personal Learning Checklists) to help them identify their topics/focus areas for their exams.



Playlists:

Playlists are a great way to create way to organise by grouping together tasks to complete.

A top tip is to create Red, Amber & Green playlists.

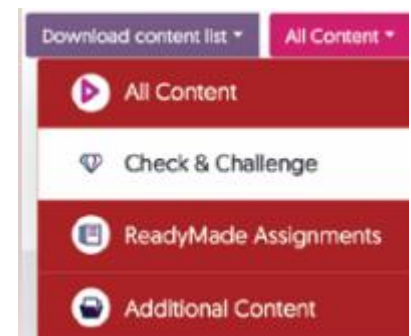
This is a simple way they can organise Pods so they can prioritise their time easily.

- Red -** Topics that your child struggles with which they need to spend more time on.
- Amber -** Topics that your child struggles with which they need to spend more time on.
- Green -** Topics they are comfortable with that may only need a brief review.

Check & Challenge:

Check & Challenge is a feature on the GCSEPod website which offers multiple choice quizzes for students to complete alongside watching our Pods. Check & Challenge has a unique feedback system which provides clear explanations of why answers are correct and incorrect during the quiz.

You can find this from the homepage by selecting the 'All Content' button above the subjects list. Then select 'Check and Challenge' to see which subjects offer this.



When finding the right topic, students can click on the 'try some questions' start button.



- Click hint at any time for extra help
- Feedback statements advise students why their answer is correct or incorrect to help them build understanding
- Diamonds are rewarded for correct answers

Top Tip

Encourage your child to revisit Check & Challenge again to improve their scores or even just use fewer hints when answering the questions. Repeating the same Check & Challenge can help them to consolidate the information and build their confidence on a topic.

Study List Ideas

5 Minutes

- Watch 1 Pod.
- Create a quick Playlist of topics you find difficult.
- Check your usage and see how the usage is split across the subjects you are taking.
- Set some goals you want to reach with Pod – for example a certain number watched in a subject you are struggling with.
- Watch a Pod from the Keeping Fit & Healthy playlists: Body / Mind / Environment / Team You.

10 Minutes

- Watch 1 Pod and take notes, pausing when necessary or slowing down the Pod as needed.
- Complete a new Check & Challenge.
- Create a playlist of Pods based on a revision list you have from school or one you have made yourself.
- Reattempt a completed Check & Challenge to beat your previous score and time.

15 Minutes

- Watch 1 Pod & complete a learning activity.
- Watch 2 Pods from the Study Smart subject on one of the learning techniques – Spaced, Retrieval and Interleaving. Think about how you can use the technique you have learned about to plan your study time.
- Create a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rated set of playlists for a subject of your choice.
 - Red = Topics that you struggle with.
 - Amber = Topics that could use a bit more work.
 - Green = Topics you are comfortable with.

Wish to access further support?

Visit the Parents support page on the GCSE Pod website which also includes Webinars and videos.

<https://www.gcsepod.com/parents/>