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Dear Parent/Carer

In response to the Government's announcement of mandated remote learning for all secondary school students until at least Monday 22nd February – we have taken the decision to invest in 'GCSEPod', the award-winning digital content and revision platform.

We believe that this will serve to enhance the remote learning provision available to all of our KS4 students. As a subscriber, your child 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 child 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 child'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 child will get a personalised "Boost Playlist" of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest you encourage your child to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

Members of staff will be directing students to access resources from the GCSE Pod platform during this period of remote learning provision. 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. Once they've activated their account, they can browse the GCSEPod library and create their own learning playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music.

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 and resources.

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions in the accompanying document. If your child has already activated but can't remember their username and password, please ask them to contact [achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you for your ongoing support

Kind regards

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