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Re: GCSEPod

Dear Parent/Carer

During this unexpected school closure, we are delighted to be able to continue supporting your child through the fantastic GCSEPod service, which students have access to through the school subscription.

GCSEPod is the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,400 schools worldwide. As a subscriber, your child has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,000 'Pods,' 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. Every Pod is mapped to the correct exam board, and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success – all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists.

From Monday 20th April, teachers will be setting your child work on GCSEPod. This will take the form of an assignment in most subject areas each week, which students can access and complete via the GCSEPod platform. In addition teachers may also recommend specific Pods for students to watch at home to continue their learning. Please note GCSEPod will compliment SMHW for Year 9 and 10. GCSEPod offers students the opportunity to continue their learning and evidence their progress.

We ask that you encourage your child to make use of this amazing resource independently. 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.

GCSEPod can also identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to your child to help them strengthen their knowledge. After completing the assignments set on GCSEPod, your child will get a personalised "Boost Playlist" of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest that you encourage your child to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

Finally, in Maths and English Literature students can test their knowledge independently using GCSEPod's fantastic Check & Challenge feature. Simply visit any Maths and selected English Literature playlists and click the purple Check & Challenge "C&C". This will start a short self-marking assessment.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information and resources. Copy enclosed.

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions below.

Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login" in the top right-hand corner

Click "New here? Get started."

Select "Student"

Enter your child's name, date of birth and the school name Hanson School.

Your child's username is han... followed by their initials - for example 'hanwo'

Create their username, a password and a password hint to help them remember the password.

You can then personalise and set their own GCSE subjects to align with their GCSE choices/options.

If your child has already activated but can't remember their username and password, please ask them to contact a member of staff by email at studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk.

If you do not have access to the internet and would prefer to continue receiving a work pack, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone 01274 776200 stating your child's full name and form group or via email at studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk.

I hope that you and your family are safe and find this GCSE support useful.

Yours sincerely



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