



E-ACT The Oldham
Academy North

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Dear Parents and Carers,

GCSE Pod

With only 16 school weeks left until the start of the GCSE exams I am writing to you to emphasise the importance of students completing independent revision. Students have been provided with all of the revision materials that they need, and we advise that they are spending 10 hours a week completing independent study. It is essential that students make the most of every opportunity to attend additional intervention in school, and complete independent learning tasks to support their future exam success.

I would also like to share the details for GCSEPod, an online learning tool that can be used to support learning, homework and revision. GCSEPod is a revision resource that students can access on their phone or on a computer, and can be used on, or offline. Students can watch short revision videos and complete short tasks to check their understanding.

We have launched the **GCSEPod 10-hour challenge** in school this week to boost engagement in independent study. Each week we ask students to complete 10 hours of independent revision tasks using GCSEPod to support their learning. We will celebrate students who have completed the challenge, with big prizes to be won for participation. Please encourage students to use this fantastic resource at home.

Subjects will share a “pod of the week” each week to direct students towards key learning foci to start their independent study. Pods of the week will be shared each week via the Sims Parent app. Please see the initial pods listed below.

English	ENG-167-004	Religious Studies	RS-10-004
Maths- Foundation	MATHS-33-006	Business Studies	BUS-01-002-v2
Maths- Higher	MATHS-24-002	Engineering	DT-06-001
Science	GRF-01-001	Music	MUS-001-014-006
History	HIST-15-002	Computer Science	GRF-01-001
Geography	GEO-17-006	Digital ICT	IT-05-001
Spanish	SPA-01-001	Hospitality and Catering	GRF-01-001

All students have been supported with logging on to the website in school, but please contact me at TOAN.Enquiry@E-ACT.org.uk if you require any support.

If you are interested in how you can support your child with GCSEPod join one of the free webinars by visiting: <https://www.theaccessgroup.com/en-gb/education/resources/gcsepod-teacher-parent-and-student-webinars/>

Thank you, in advance, for supporting our students as they prepare for their exams.

Yours sincerely,

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