



## **GCSEPod Revision**

Ellesmere College is proud to announce that it has recently subscribed to an exciting new GCSE resource: *GCSEPod*. *GCSEPod* provides podcasts which our pupils can watch online or download to play later on their computer, iPods, iPhones, Blackberry and Android devices. All podcasts are enhanced with text and images and are designed to support pupils in the classroom, with their homework and during exam time.

So many pupils already have mobile technology in their pockets and we hope to harness this existing technology to engage pupils with their studies in an innovative way. The podcasts are available through our school secure Virtual Learning Environment at <https://ellesmere.itslearning.com>

Pupils can choose to watch the podcasts online on their computer or mobile device or, if they wish, download the podcasts to their mobile device to watch when they don't have internet connection. Therefore, mobile devices can actually support their learning outside the classroom.

It is important that pupils **only** visit the *GCSEPod* site through the link on the school VLE - <https://ellesmere.itslearning.com> as we have paid for a school subscription so pupils can watch and download any of the podcasts they require at no cost to them but **ONLY** when they register via our link on [ellesmere.itslearning](https://ellesmere.itslearning.com). When pupils click on the link from the VLE they will be prompted to register with *GCSEPod* using their **school email address - it must be their school email not a personal one or it won't work**. Their school email has been issued to them. Once registered, they will receive an email to their Ellesmere account and they just click the link in that email to activate their account. They can select podcasts by searching in the relevant subject, using the 'Search' window at the top right of the page or by going to 'Prepare for your next exam' towards the bottom of the *GCSEPod* home page.

When pupils choose a podcast to download, an email with an embedded link to the podcast will be sent from *GCSEPod* to their school email account. Pupils with Apple devices should simply click on the link when at home, save the podcast into iTunes and sync with their iPod, iPhone or iPad. Students with Blackberry or Android devices should simply click the link in the email, save the file to their computer, connect their device via USB to their PC or Mac and then drag the *GCSEPod* video files into the folder named 'Video'.

If you have any problems or questions about the service please contact your child's tutor. For technical advice please call *GCSEPod* on 0191 2111 999 or email [info@gcsepod.co.uk](mailto:info@gcsepod.co.uk).