



# Edmonton County School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to be able to support your child through the award-winning GCSEPod service. Through school subscription, **all Edmonton County students** have access to 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, dates and annotated diagrams– all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists.

Work being set on GCSEPod may take the form of Assignments, which students can access and complete via the GCSEPod platform, or teachers may recommend specific Pods for students to watch at home to continue their learning.

GCSEPod can also identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to your child to help them strengthen their knowledge. After completing any Assignments 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.

In addition, for 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 "C&C". This will start a short self-marking assessment.

**To activate their account for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, your child should:**

- 1) Go to [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com) and click "Login" in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click "New here? Get started."
- 3) Select "Student"
- 4) Enter your child's **name, date of birth** and **the school name**.
- 5) Create a **username, password**, and a **password hint** to help them remember the password.

If your child has already activated but can't remember their username and password, please ask them to contact a member of staff. In addition, 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.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents)  
If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please contact a member of staff, or message [support@gcsepod.com](mailto:support@gcsepod.com)

Yours sincerely,

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