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Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 11 Digital Learning

As a school we want to give all Year 11 students the best chance of being successful in their upcoming external examinations. In previous years we have put great emphasis on the use of digital learning resources, as they have been proven in all educational settings, to have a positive impact on a student's final grades.

These digital learning resources all come at no cost to students or yourselves as they are either free or have been funded by the school. Some also have an APP function which means students can access them from their phones once the app has been downloaded.

Many students and departments are now using these applications to support recall and review by students as routine. As Head of Year I am mindful that some students have not accessed them or have made limited use of them. I want all students to have access to these digital resources and monitor their use. To that end I am putting the following plan into place:

- All departments who use a digital resource will set a homework task that is to be completed by students before Thursday 19 November. The table below will explain which departments are setting these homeworks and which digital learning tool will be used. All homework tasks will be set via ClassCharts.
- The completion of this homework will be judged by whether or not the students have logged into the app and completed the task. All of this can be checked by their classroom teachers.
- If the homework task has not been completed by 19 November, the student will be issued with a level 2 detention on Friday 20 November, during which time they will be given access to a computer room to complete the homework and check for any issues with logging in.
- Before this date students have the following two weeks, from 6 to 19 November, to check their login details and contact their subject teachers if there are any issues. I expect them to be proactive and very few should have any issue as I am aware many are already regularly accessing work in this way.

The details of which digital resources will be used and which department is setting them are below:



Digital Learning Resource	Which Department is setting the homework?	Is there an app students can use?
PiXL	English	Yes
MyMaths	Maths	No – use website login
Tassomai	Science	Yes
GCSE Pod	Enterprise Computer Studies Geography History	Yes
Quizlet	Modern Foreign Languages	Yes
Seneca	Computer Studies	Yes
Memrise	Modern Foreign Languages	Yes

All the learning resources listed in this table have been in use since Year 10 so all students will have been provided with login details unless they have only recently joined the school.

Our hope is that the successful implementation of this plan will lead to all students having access to all the trackable digital resources the school has available. With the possibility of students having to self-isolate for 14 days due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, teachers will expect to be able to assign tasks linked to online learning to check progress.

The next stage of the plan will be rewarding the students for their efforts in their digital learning. On Friday 27 November prizes will be awarded to students who are in the top 5 for usage for each of the following digital resources: PiXL, GCSE Pod and Quizlet. There are 15 prizes available and they will go to 15 different students. The same reward process will take place on Friday 11 December for the use of MyMaths, Seneca and Tassomai. I will also schedule a Christmas revision competition to keep students focussed and motivated during the break.

While we are focusing on the digital learning identified in the table above, I do want you to be aware that there are numerous other resources that can be used and which departments recommend them.

Subject	Online Learning Resource	Link
Computer Science	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
Computer Science	Seneca	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
Computer Science	Teach-ICT	<a href="http://www.teach-ict.com">www.teach-ict.com</a>
Creative iMedia	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
Creative iMedia	Youtube: MissChambersICT	
Creative iMedia	ZigZag eRevision	<a href="https://erevision.uk/">https://erevision.uk/</a>
English	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
English	PiXL	<a href="https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk">https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk</a>
English	Tassomai	<a href="https://www.tassomai.com/">https://www.tassomai.com/</a>
Enterprise	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
Enterprise	YouTube: BeeBusinessBee	
Enterprise	YouTube: Miss Squires Means Business	

Geography	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
Geography	PiXL	<a href="https://geographyapp.pixl.org.uk/">https://geographyapp.pixl.org.uk/</a>
Geography	Seneca	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
History	Active learn	<a href="https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/app/Home">https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/app/Home</a>
History	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
History	PiXL	<a href="https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/">https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/</a>
History	Quizlet	<a href="https://quizlet.com/">https://quizlet.com/</a>
History	Seneca	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
Mathematics	DrFrost (Good for students sitting the higher paper)	<a href="https://www.drfrostmaths.com/">https://www.drfrostmaths.com/</a>
Mathematics	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
Mathematics	MyMaths	<a href="https://login.mymaths.co.uk/">https://login.mymaths.co.uk/</a>
Mathematics	PiXL	<a href="https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/">https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/</a>
MFL	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
MFL	Kerboodle	<a href="https://www.kerboodle.com/">https://www.kerboodle.com/</a>
MFL	Memrise	<a href="https://app.memrise.com/">https://app.memrise.com/</a>
MFL	Quizlet	<a href="https://quizlet.com/">https://quizlet.com/</a>
MFL	Seneca	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
Health & Fitness	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
Health & Fitness	BrianMac Sports Coach	<a href="https://www.brianmac.co.uk/">https://www.brianmac.co.uk/</a>
Science	BBC Bitesize	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a>
Science	GCSE Pod	<a href="https://www.gcsepod.com/">https://www.gcsepod.com/</a>
Science	Kerboodle	<a href="https://www.kerboodle.com/">https://www.kerboodle.com/</a>
Science	Seneca	<a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
Science	Tassomai	<a href="https://www.tassomai.com/">https://www.tassomai.com/</a>

If you have any questions about the information in this letter please contact either myself via email at [tom.ayliffe@epschool.org](mailto:tom.ayliffe@epschool.org) or the relevant subject teacher for your child. Please support me in this plan to ensure every single Year 11 student is making the best use of additional learning opportunities in preparation for their GCSEs.

Yours faithfully



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