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Dear Year 9 Students and Parents/Carers

After the Easter holidays, we will be moving to more electronic based learning to ensure that you do not get behind during this period of remote learning. We are planning work that will be accessible from a smart phone, in particular as we recognise that access to technology is very difficult for many of our families (especially the sharing of devices). We would like **all students to download the Teams app** onto the phone that they will be using to access the schoolwork being set each week by teachers, and also to activate their GCSEPod account. All work is being planned by teachers with the understanding that it will be accessed via a phone and so will be suitable for this.

We already pay for a school subscription for a GCSE platform for students at WSFG and this has helped support learning in Year 10 and Year 11. All students in Year 9 are already registered on this system and so **you will need to activate your GCSEPod account**. Click on the link below or type 'GCSEPod' into your browser:

<https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

Go to the button "New here? Get Started" and follow the instructions. It is really important that you use the name that is listed for you in our school registration system, so that your details can be matched up.

If you ever forget your username or password, your SPL, tutor or class teacher can check it for you and can reset your password, so please let them know!

Teachers will be setting you 'pods' to watch and these will show up in the section called "assignments": teachers will leave instructions on the assignment and a deadline of 4-5 days. When you watch a pod, make sure that you watch it to the end, make notes while you are watching in your exercise book (or on paper) and then complete the assignment so that your teacher can see that you are completing the work that has been set.

We will contact students and parents shortly with full details of how work will be set and the schools' expectations regarding work next term.

Good luck! And start checking after Easter!

Kind regards

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Deputy Headteacher

