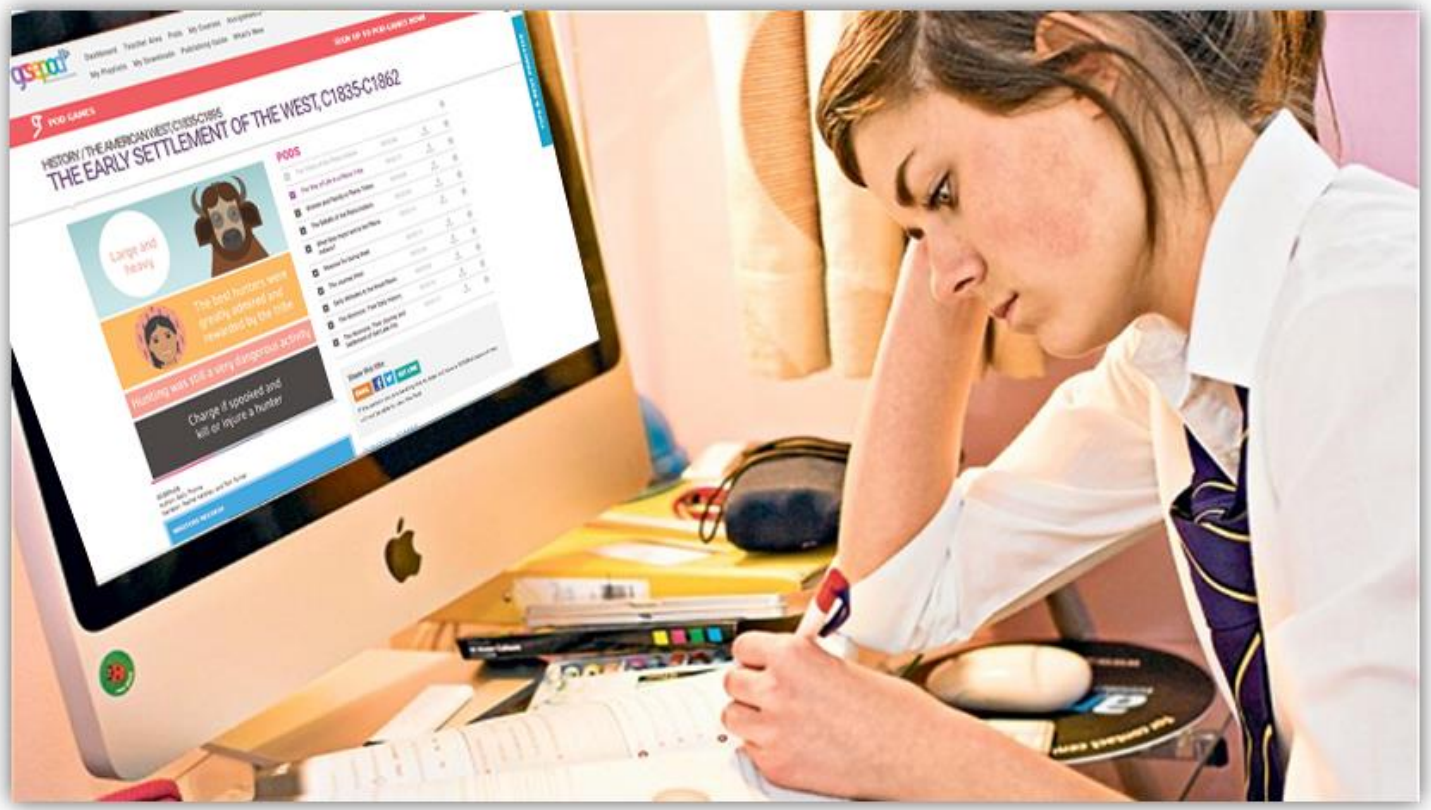
Using GCSEPod to Revise



It’s nearly exam time. Are you prepared?

Do any of the following sound familiar?

I feel anxious or overwhelmed because I don’t know where to start.

I revise topics I already know rather than tackling harder work.

I use the same revision methods, often reading notes over and over.

My mind wanders and I sometimes get bored revising.

GCSEPod is here to help you

A Reminder: What is GCSEPod?

GCSEPod provides you with highly concentrated 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, expert-written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics.

A Reminder: What is GCSEPod?

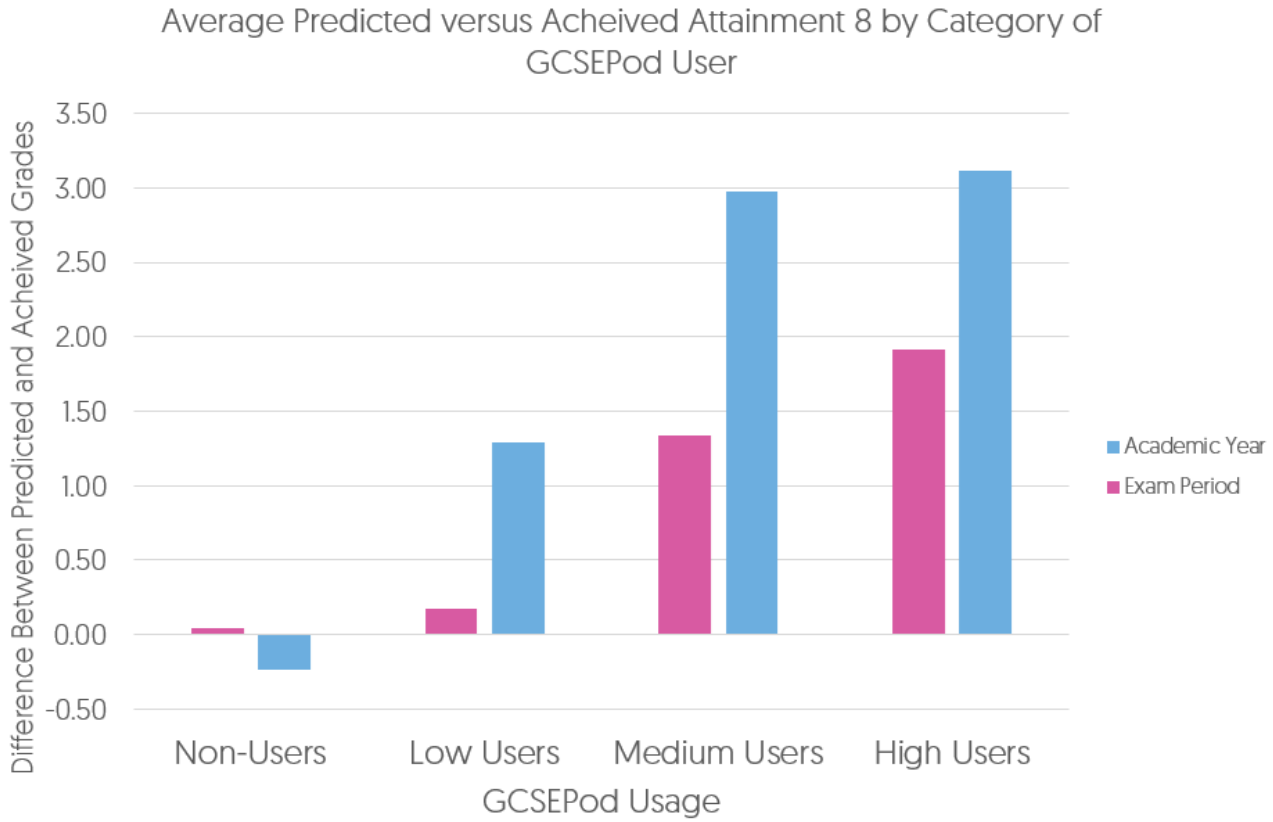
- 21+ GCSE/IGCSE subjects.
- Over 6,000 audio-visual Pods.
- Covering every exam board.
- Correlation between usage and progress.
- One website, three apps.
- Available online or offline.
- Ability to favourite any Pod (topic) you find difficult.
- Pre-made exam playlists, helping to organise revision.

When used effectively, GCSEPod can have a BIG impact on final grades:

Data from over 2,200 students shows that higher GCSEPod users are more likely to exceed their predicted grades by a larger margin than those who don't use GCSEPod.

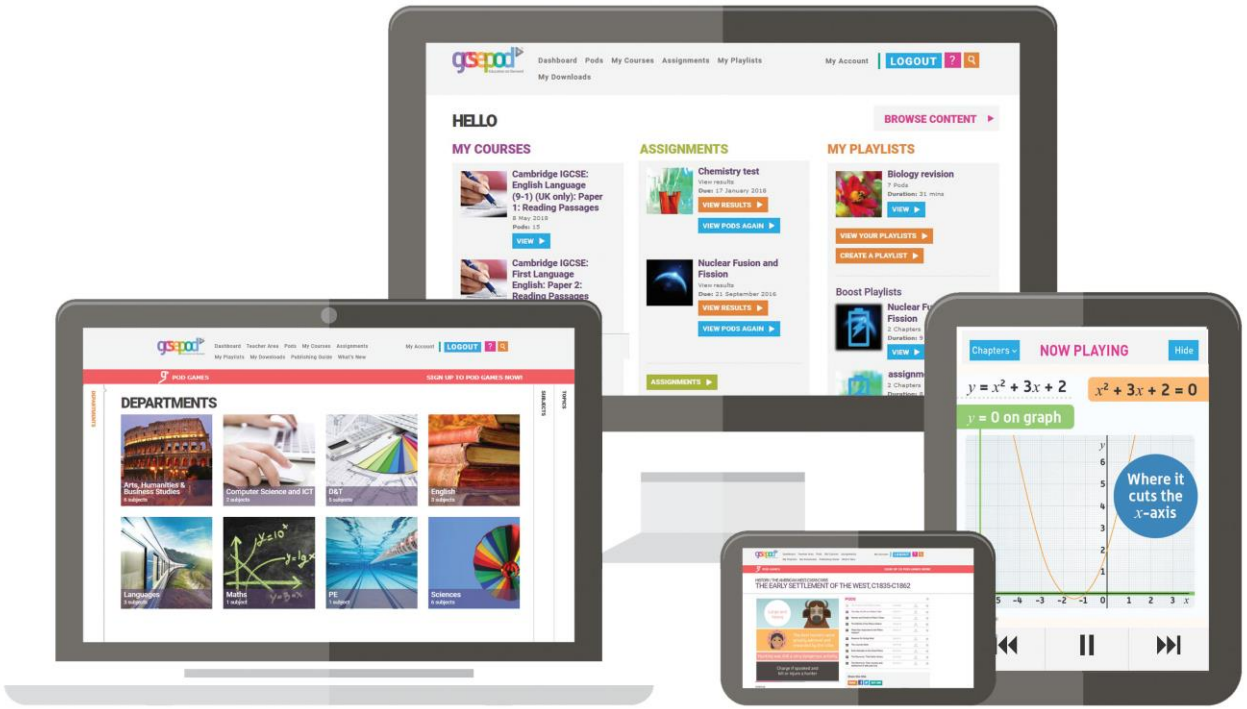
High academic year usage yielded a greater impact than high usage in just the exam period.

On average, highest users received 3 grades higher across their subjects than predicted.



High Users = average 122 Pods watched in academic year
Medium = average 34 Pods watched in academic year
Low = average 6 Pods watched in academic year
Non Users = 0 Pods watched in academic year

GCSEPod can be used on any device



I just wanted to say thank you and tell you how much I benefitted from GCSEPod. It was so helpful for getting through GCSEs, an easy, effective way to revise. I worked my way through all the sections making mind maps from the videos. I was really pleased with my results and am sure GCSEPod helped me get there.

GCSE Student

How to find Pods to watch

Search for a **TOPIC**

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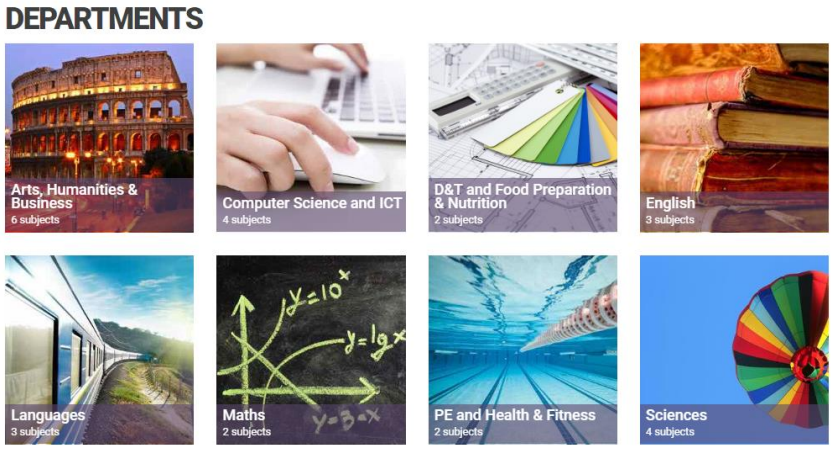
Pick your subject



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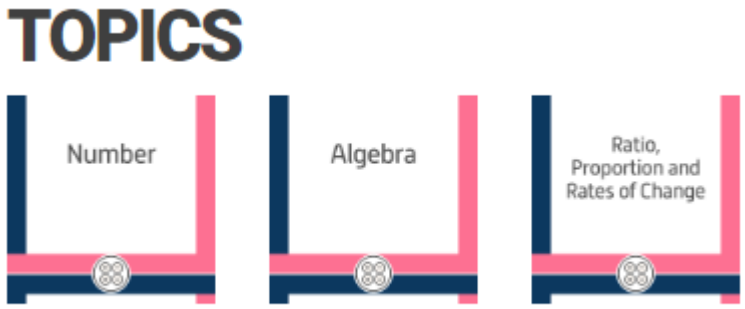

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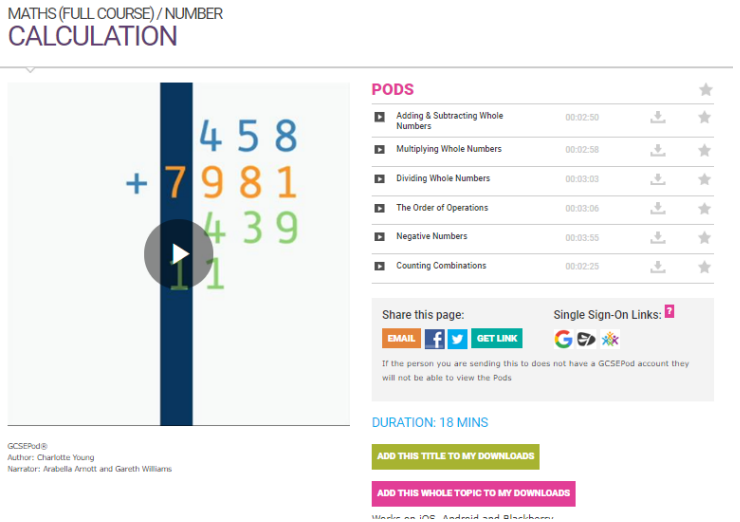

Search for an **EXAM**

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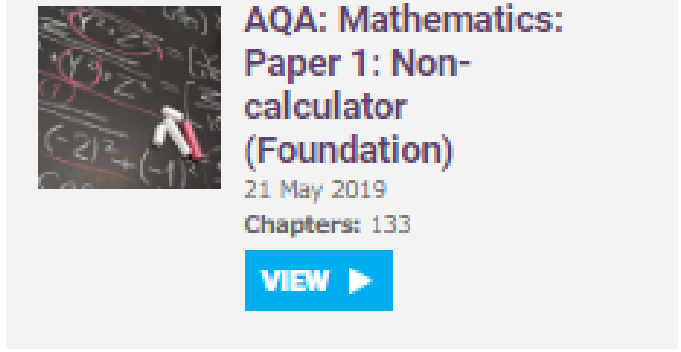

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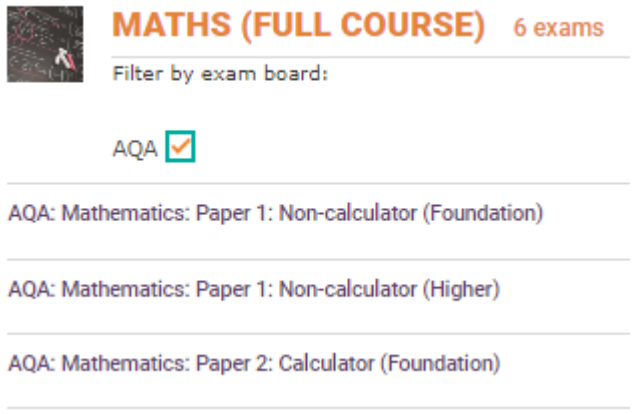
Choose an exam



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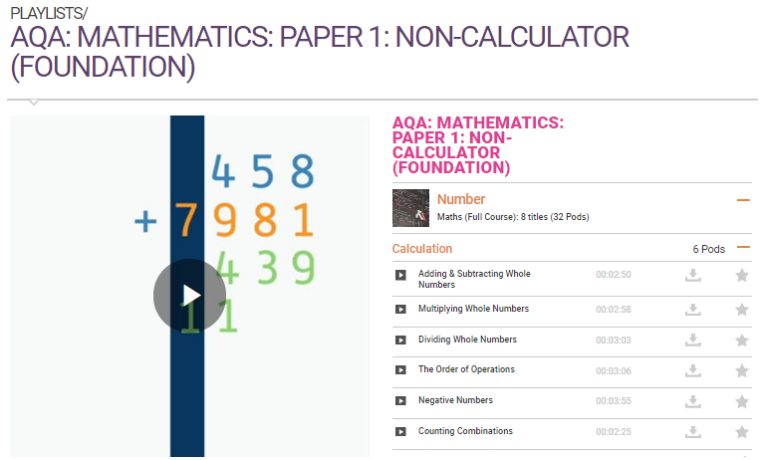

Create a **Playlist**

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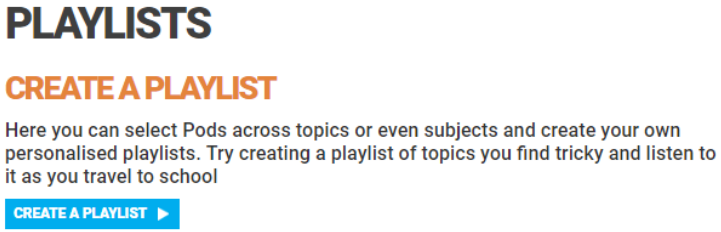

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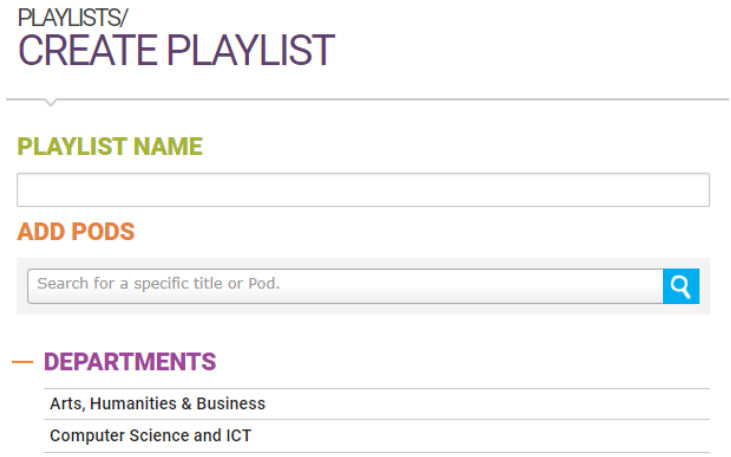

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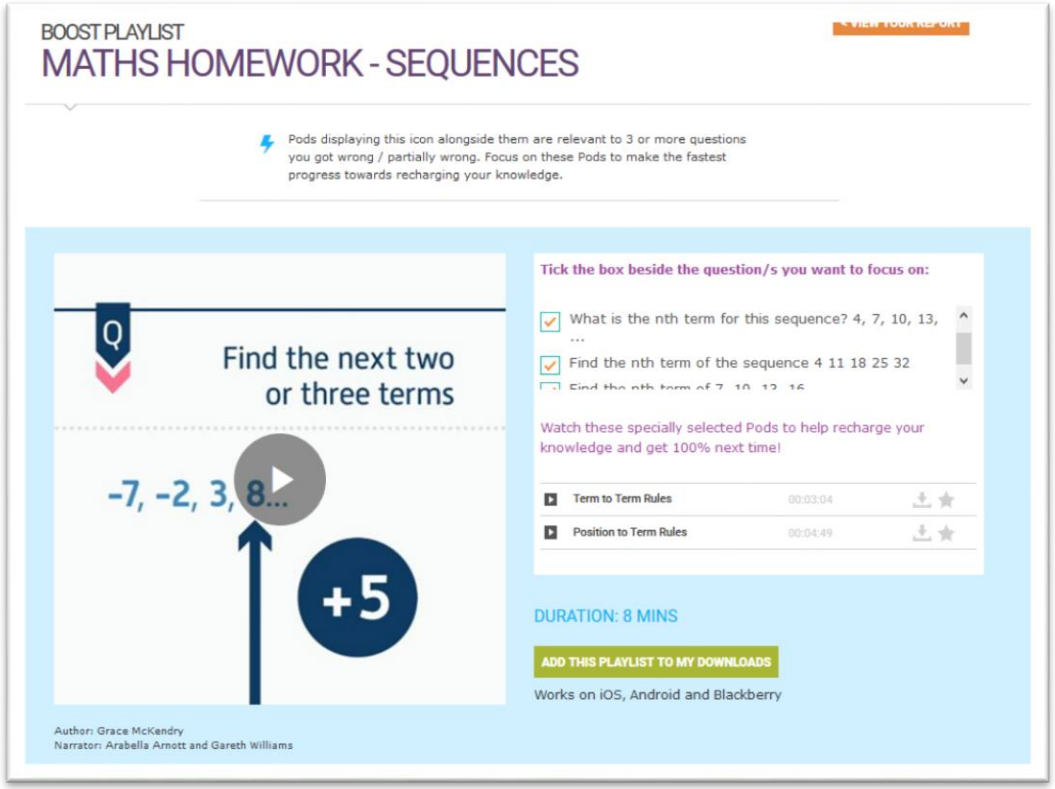
Assignments & Boost Playlists

Ask your teacher to set you an assignment.

You can apply your knowledge to the questions that have been set and get instant results.



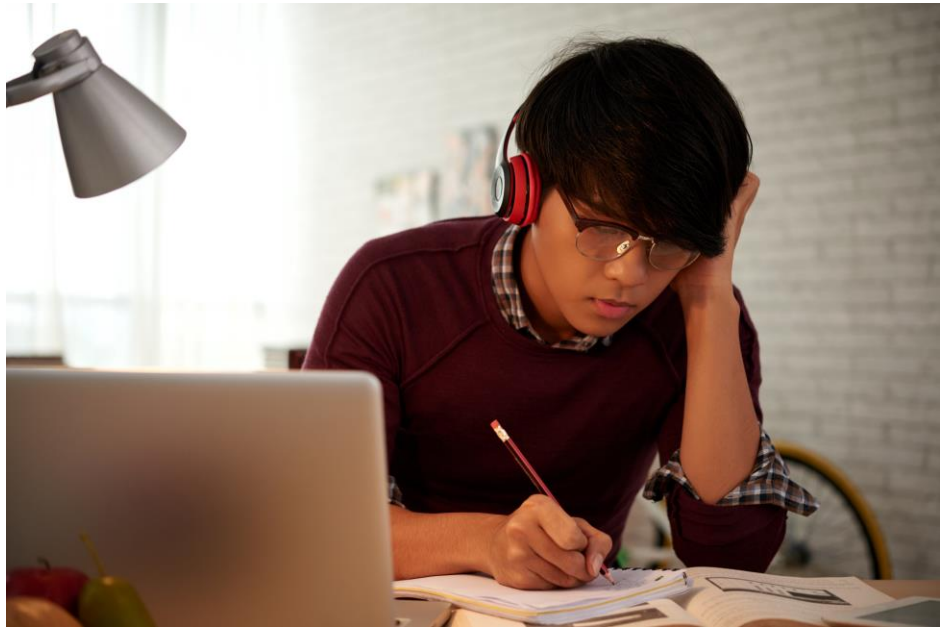
Boost Playlists – helps to fill in knowledge gaps

When you receive your results, you'll be given access to a Boost Playlist with recommendations on what you should be watching based on answers you answered incorrectly.

How to use GCSEPod with classic revision techniques

GCSEPod & Note Taking

Notes help to improve your understanding of a topic in your own words. Keep your notes brief and don't forget to highlight key words, quotes and dates.



Write short and concise notes whilst watching a Pod. Watch a Pod fully first and then replay it whilst pausing it and writing notes.

GCSEPod & Idea Mapping

Summarise what you've learnt by creating an idea-map. Start by putting the name of the topic in the centre of a piece of paper. Add branches (like a tree) and add additional key words to each branch which are associated with the main topic. Keep adding more detail as the branches become smaller and use images and colours as well as words to help the information stand out.

Draw an idea-map with all the key words and images that you see and hear in a Pod. Try matching the colours you use on your idea-map to the colours shown within the Pod. Don't be afraid to be creative, it'll help you remember more.

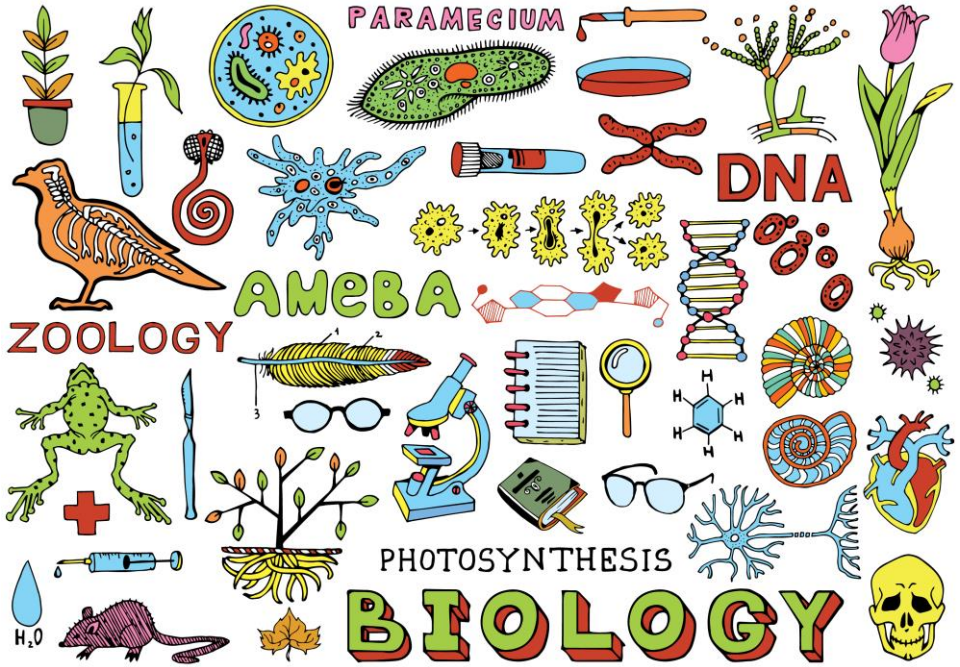
GCSEPod & Flash Cards

Summarise a topic on a flash card or post-it, on one side of the card, write the topic's name. This will help you when you come to test your knowledge. On the flip side, write down all the key words, symbols, dates, quotes and places that you've learnt. When you test yourself, simply look at the topic's name and see if you can remember everything on the other side of the card without looking.

Create a flash card for each Pod you watch. Write the name of the Pod on one side, and on the other, write all the key information you've learnt. Search YouTube for a video on the "Leitner System" to find out more about creating effective flash cards.

GCSEPod & Summary Posters

Use keys words, pictures and definitions to design a poster on a topic or whole subject. Put the summary poster up in your room and spend regular time looking at it.



Watch a Pod and whilst you can remember, draw a summary poster with all you've learnt. Once you've finished your poster, re-watch the Pod and see how much you remembered.

GCSEPod & Practice Exam Questions & past papers

Practising exam questions and past papers helps to perfect your exam techniques whilst checking your knowledge and highlighting any gaps you may have.

Watch Pods and then answer practice exam questions and past papers. Highlight questions you struggled with and watch the Pods.

GCSEPod & Mnemonics

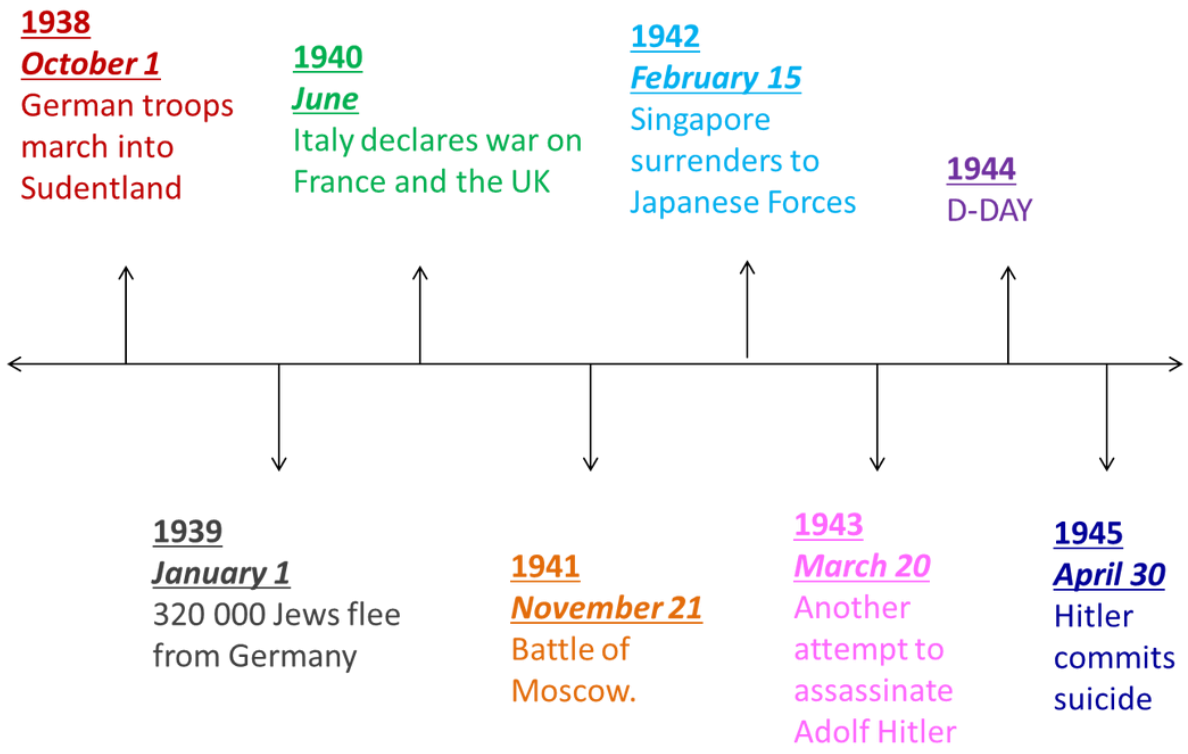
Create a code using rhymes, phrases or acronyms.

For example, colours of the visible spectrum –
Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet)

Pick out key words from a Pod and create mnemonics to help you remember.

GCSEPod & Timelines

Design a timeline for those subjects where chronology is important like History and English Literature. Timelines are invaluable for making sense of a series of events or stories.

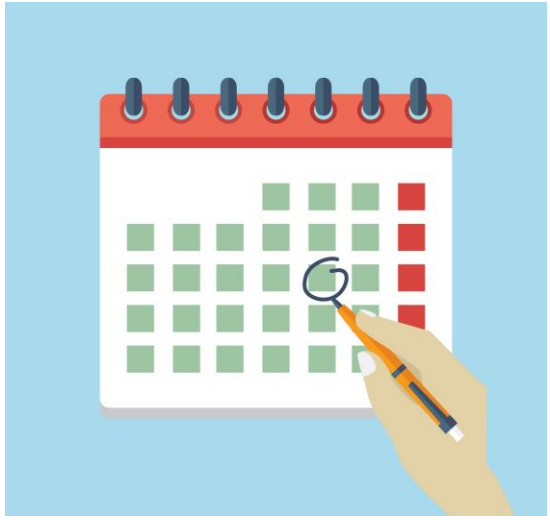


Use key dates within a Pod to create a timeline; it will help you visualise the order of the story.

Revision Tips

Set up the perfect study space
Make sure it's well lit, not too hot or cold and is quiet enough for you to work.

Plan ahead and make a plan
Look at your exam timetable and create a revision plan based on it. It'll help keep your revision organised.



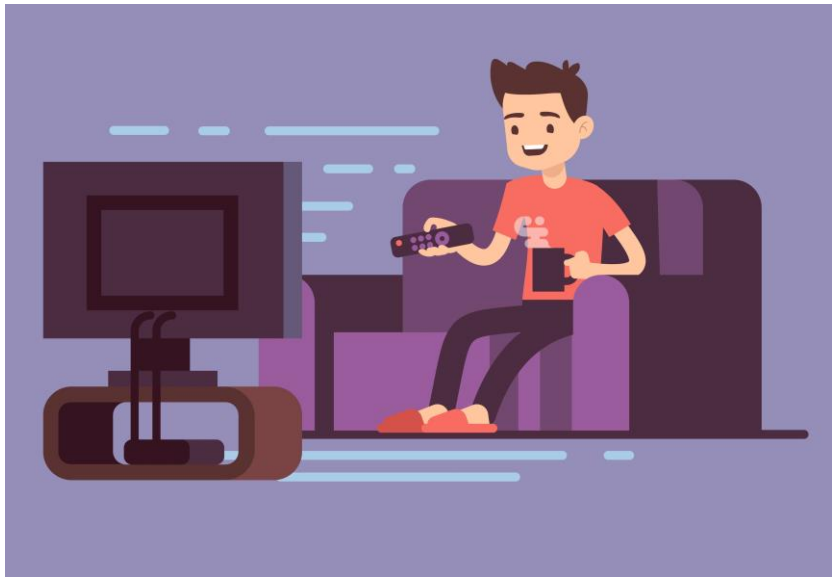
Start with the biggest or most difficult
It might be easier to start with the smallest and easiest bits but by tackling the biggest, most challenging topics first you'll feel more confident in the long run.

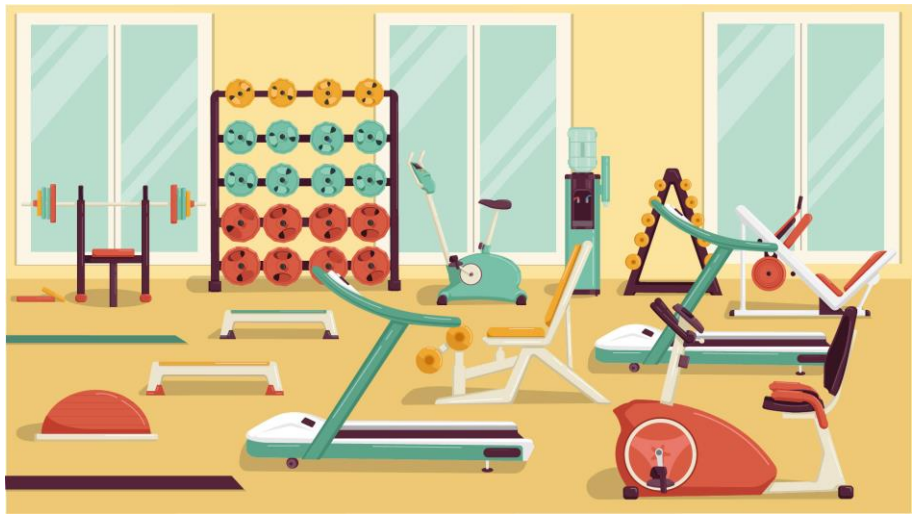
Use the best methods for you

By now, you'll know which revision techniques work best for you but don't be afraid to use a new one if you're struggling to absorb a topic. Do whatever works best for you.

Take regular breaks

It's important to ensure you take regular breaks, you need to rest your brain to process the information you're learning. Arrange time with friends and family or watch a bit of Netflix (just be sure not to binge-watch a whole series).



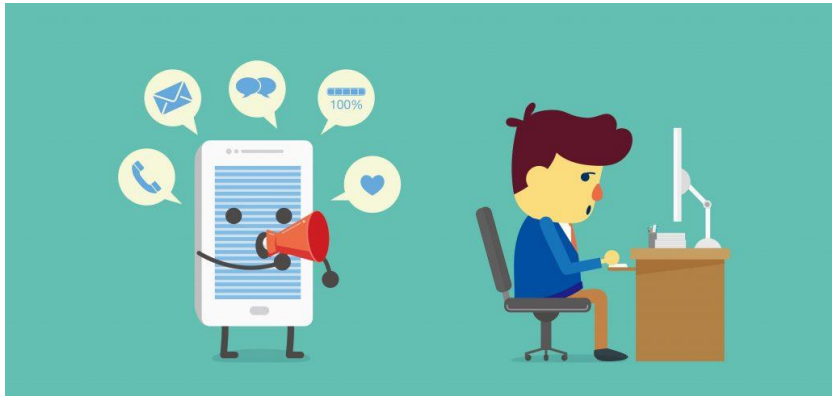


Exercise

A healthy body = a healthy mind. Try to do at least 20 minutes of physical activity a day to help improve focus and stay relaxed.

Eat healthily

Make sure to eat three healthy meals a day and limit your caffeine and sugar intake. Power foods for your brain include blueberries, salmon and nuts so be sure to stock up!



Your phone can be a huge help for revision, but also a distraction.

Move any apps that are likely to distract you to the last page, so you aren't tempted. Add apps that can help you (like the GCSEPod app) to your phone's home screen as a reminder to keep up your revision.

Coping With Exam Stress

Believe in yourself

Get organised

Make sleep a priority

Fit exercise in everyday

Overcome problems

Talk about your nerves

Eat right

Keep things in perspective

Not Activated Yet?

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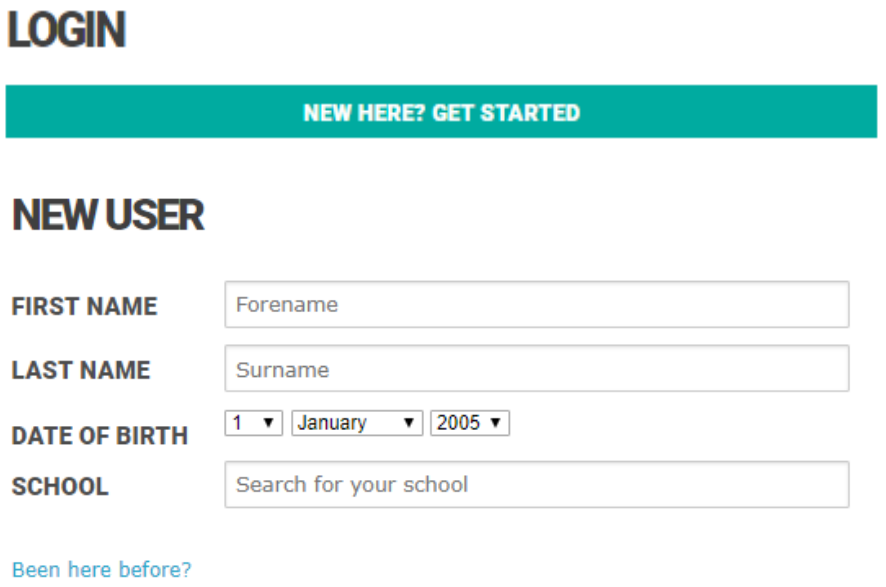
2. Click New Here? Get Started!

3. Enter your details

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