

# Using GCSEPod to Teach Remotely

**“Its the very next best thing to me being there to teach them myself”**

Richard Ward, Director of Science, Delta Academies Trust

If students are unable to attend school, GCSEPod allows for quality and effective teaching and learning to continue.

## A quick reminder of what GCSEPod offers:

- Content in the form of videos called “Pods”, and assessment in the form of readymade questions and homework, covering 27 GCSE and IGCSE subjects.
- Content has all been filtered by exam board and so is accessible to students independently. No need to assign.
- Accessible to all [computer, phone, tablet].
- No manual setup. Your classes have been imported automatically from the school database.
- Set and mark work online, including giving written feedback.
- All activity can be monitored remotely.
- All students have access [not just Year 10 and 11].

## Carry on teaching the course content

GCSEPod’s videos are designed to cover all the course content in short, 3-4 minute, teacher-written videos. Encourage students to continue their learning at home by assigning them the videos relevant to your next scheduled classes.

To find videos, simply login, **click TEACH** and then select your subject area from the list. To assign videos either:

### 1. SHARE POD CODE

Look below the video to find the Pod code, for example MATHS-01-009. Share this code with students [via email, learning platform, social media etc]. When students log in, they should enter the code into the search bar to go straight to that video.





## 2. SHARE A LINK

Click the "Share and Assign" icon above the playlist and get a direct link to that playlist to share with students via email etc. When students click the link, they will login then be redirected straight to the playlist you've requested they watch.

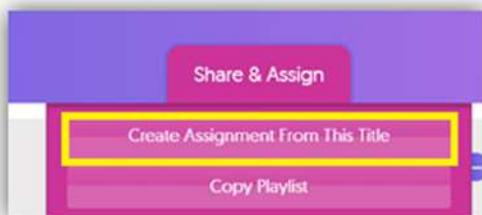


### Set self-marking homework

GCSEPod has a range of assessment options, depending on the subject, class ability and whether you want to use something ready-made or build your own.

## 1. ASSIGN PODS WITH QUESTIONS

After finding a useful playlist of Pods, click the "Share and Assign" icon above the playlist and then "Create Assignment from this Title". This will create a new assignment, pre-loaded with the videos. Questions can then be chosen from a bank of over 60,000 to help test knowledge. Choose your class, pick a deadline, and send.



## 2. COPY A COLLEAGUE'S ASSIGNMENT

If a colleague in your school has already created a great assignment you can copy it for your own class! Use this method to ensure all students in your department are receiving the same homework. Click **ASSESS** on the GCSEPod homepage, then **ASSIGNMENTS**, and then **COPY A COLLEAGUE'S**.



### Prep students for exams

#### Biology 46 exams

AQA: Biology: Paper 1 (Foundation) - 54 Pods	12th May 2020	<a href="#">View Playlist</a>	<a href="#">Create Assignment</a>
AQA: Biology: Paper 1 (Higher) - 61 Pods	12th May 2020	<a href="#">View Playlist</a>	<a href="#">Create Assignment</a>
AQA: Biology: Paper 2 (Foundation) - 86 Pods	1st June 2020	<a href="#">View Playlist</a>	<a href="#">Create Assignment</a>
AQA: Biology: Paper 2 (Higher) - 97 Pods	1st June 2020	<a href="#">View Playlist</a>	<a href="#">Create Assignment</a>

GCSEPod's hugely popular exam playlists are built to help your students see, on one page, all Pods relevant to a specific upcoming exam. Students can view these independently through their MY COURSES area, which you can also access. Click **TEACH** from the GCSEPod homepage and then **MY COURSES**. You can assign specific playlists using the **CREATE ASSIGNMENT** button shown.





## Monitor student activity and provide feedback

All activity on GCSEPod is tracked and can be accessed by any teacher. There are two ways to monitor activity:

### 1. MONITOR INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Click **MONITOR & MANAGE** on the GCSEPod homepage. Select your class from the list and click **VIEW GROUP**. Use the filters at the top of the page to select your subject area and date range. Click on the bar chart icon beside a student's name to view every Pod they have watched.

Forename	Surname	Total Usage	Active	View Usage
Tony	Small	30	✓	
Tracey	Hampton	4	✓	
Steve	Thompson	4	✓	

### 2. VIEW ASSIGNMENT RESULTS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Click **ASSESS** on the GCSEPod homepage then **ASSIGNMENTS**. Here you can set, view results and mark assignments. Click **VIEW RESULTS** next to any assignment to view each student's answers and provide written feedback. Click the **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY** icon to view a mark book style report.



## English, Maths and Science specific resources

Helping your students achieve in their core subjects is a top priority and so GCSEPod have additional resources available.

### 1. WORKBOOKS FOR ACHIEVE ENGLISH AND MATHS

Our "Achieve" Maths and English Language courses are specifically designed for students who are resitting, lower ability or who need a confidence boost. Included in these courses are downloadable PDF workbooks [with model answers]. To download them click **ASSESS** on the GCSEPod homepage, then **WORKBOOKS**.



### 2. CHECK AND CHALLENGE (C&C) FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE AND MATHS

C&C assessments give students access to questions to test their knowledge independently [unlike assignments which need to be set by their teacher]. Teachers can view results by clicking **ASSESS** on the GCSEPod homepage and then the **CHECK & CHALLENGE** icon.





### 3. READYSETGO ASSIGNMENTS FOR ACHIEVE MATHS, ENGLISH AND SCIENCE

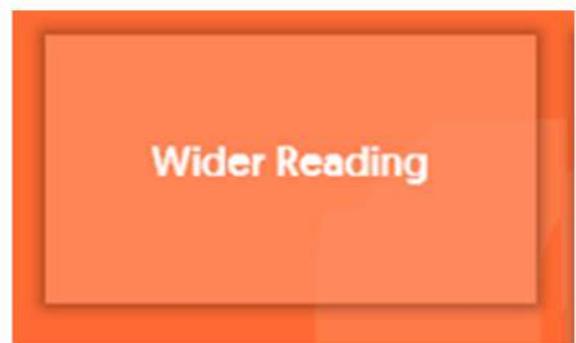
Just like a regular GCSEPod assignment, but pre-built with Pods selected and relevant, self-marking questions attached. Set work for students in seconds!

Create new assignment



#### TOP TIP - Support younger students

Finally, although GCSEPod content is designed for GCSE and IGCSE, much of the content can be used to support younger groups. For example, The Achieve English and Maths courses provide the perfect introduction to GCSE, and there may be certain English Literature texts which are relevant to your younger students, even if they are not taught at GCSE level. To access these, visit the "Wider Reading" topic.



## HOW TO LOGIN

1. Go to [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com) and click 'Login'
2. Click "new here? Get Started"
3. Click "teacher"
4. Enter your work email address
5. Wait for an email with your password

After logging in you'll be taken on a short tour of the site and can then select a new password and the subject/s you teach.

