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Dear Family

At Thorns Collegiate Academy, we're always looking for ways to extend our students' learning outside of the classroom. That's why we are subscribing to two learning platforms this year to help support our students.

Firstly, we are using an online learning platform called Century which combines artificial intelligence with the latest research in learning science and neuroscience.

Secondly, we are using GCSE Pod – an award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,400 schools worldwide.

Both platforms allow students to take control of their own learning and for teachers to get real-time data on progress, allowing them to quickly identify which students need support or additional challenge.

Students are able to access Century and GCSE pod at any time and anywhere. All they need to do is visit the websites and enter their unique login details. Their login details are outlined below:

Century:

Username = Their school email address

Password = thorns2020

GCSE pod:

Username and password are created

by the student when opening an account

Note – If students are having any issues logging on to either platform they should contact Mr Latham via glatham@tca.shirelandcat.net

As an incentive for pupils to log in to and use these platforms, we will be launching a competition starting December 1st which will run until the end of the academic year.

- **Every two weeks a £20 Amazon voucher will be awarded, by email, to the highest overall user of the two platforms in each year group.**
- **Every six weeks, we will be awarding a £50 Amazon voucher to the highest overall user every 6 weeks.**
- **Every 12 weeks, a £100 Amazon voucher will be awarded to the highest overall user per year group.**

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We are aware that students have very different preferences with regards to online learning and so may prefer to use one platform more than the other. That is why each winner will be chosen based upon the combined time spent across both platforms so that students are not at a disadvantage for using one platform more than the other.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding either platform please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, alternatively visit www.century.tech or www.gcsepod.com

Yours sincerely



Mr G Latham

GCSE Pod and Century Tech Coordinator