Using GCSEPod to Revise

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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!

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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.

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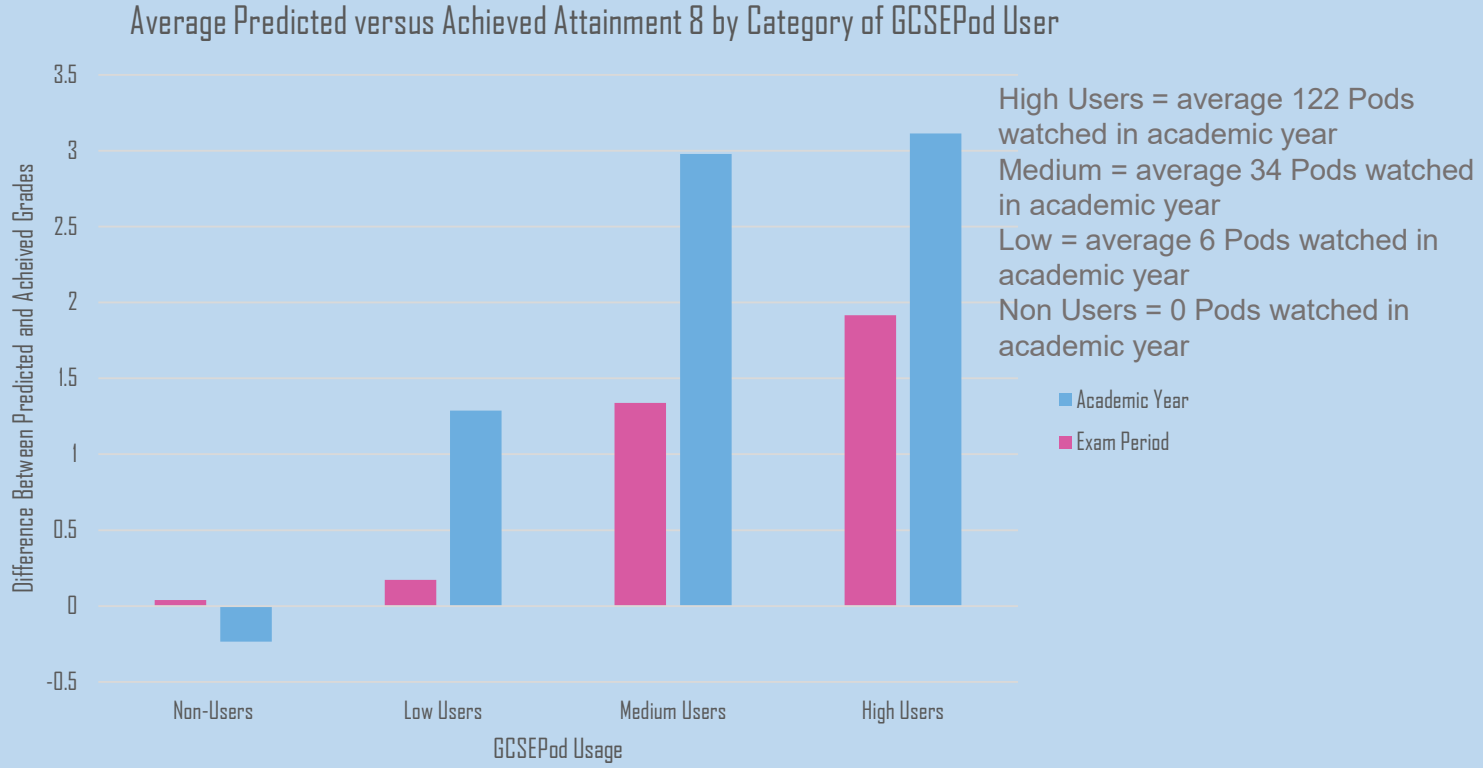
- 27 GCSE/IGCSE subjects.
- Over 6,000 audio-visual Pods.
- Covering every exam board.
- Correlation between usage and progress.
- One website, three apps.
- Available online or offline.
- Ability to favourite any Pod (topic) you find difficult.
- Pre-made exam playlists, helping to organise revision.

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.



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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.

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How to find Pods to watch

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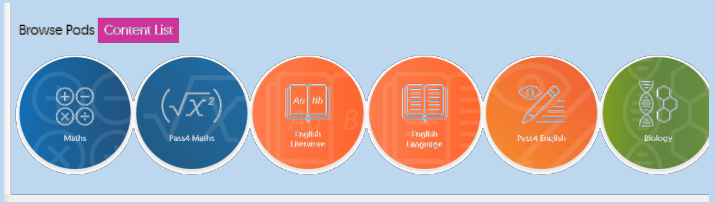

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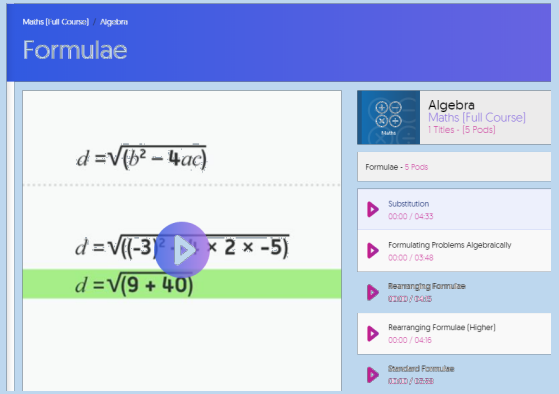
Start revising



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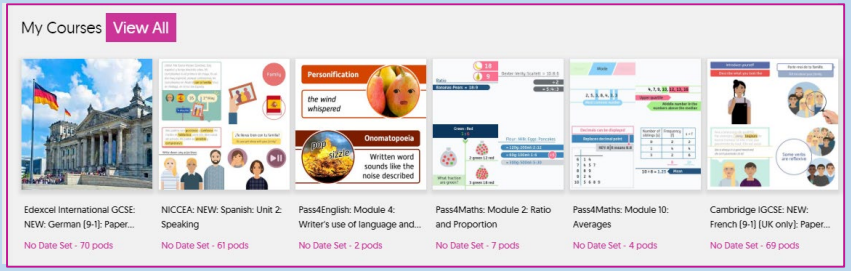

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Choose an exam

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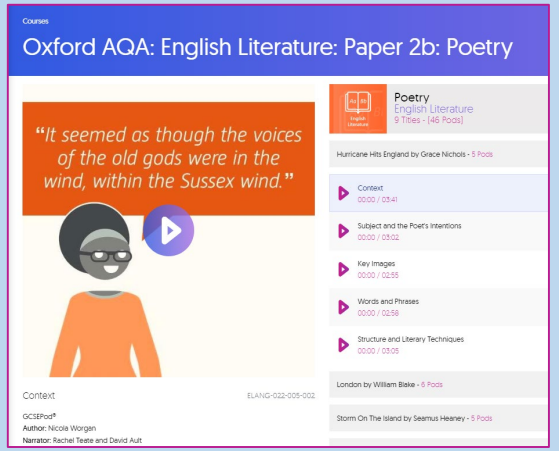

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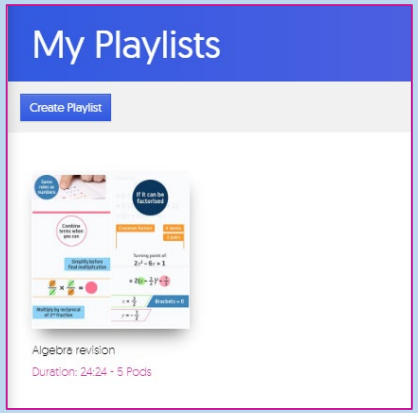

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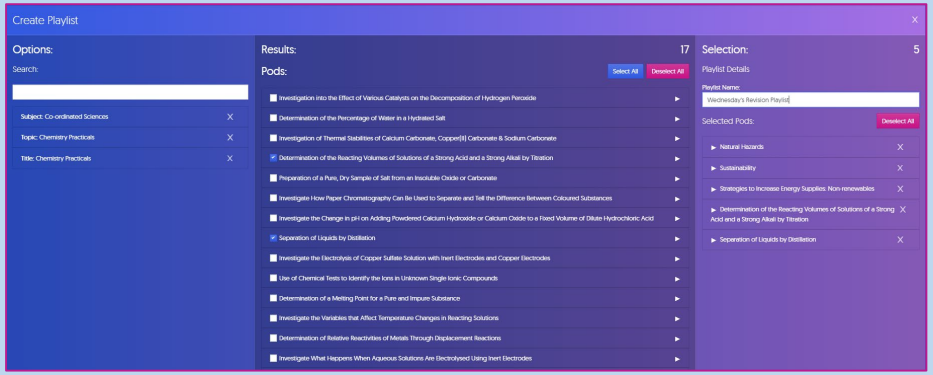

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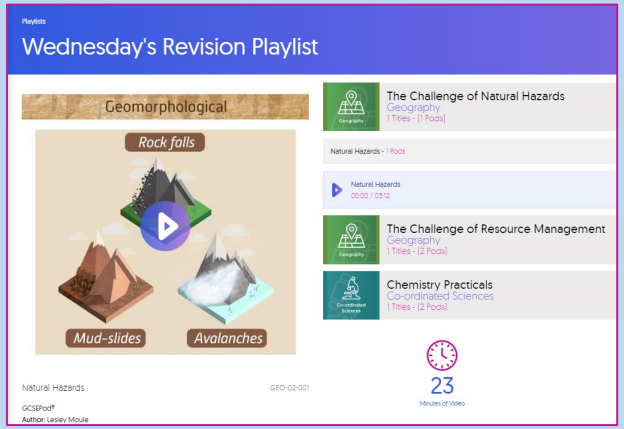

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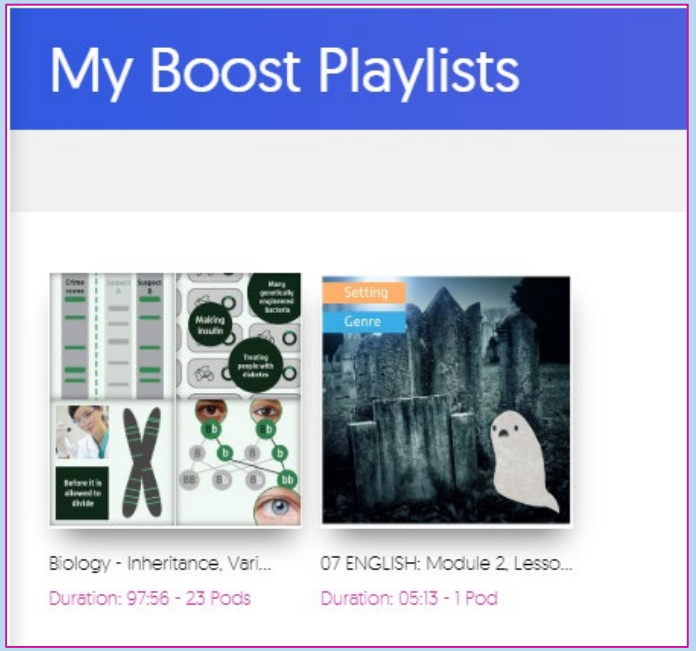
Assignments = Boost Playlists

Ask your teacher to set you an assignment – there are hundreds of questions readily available

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 complete an assignment, you'll be given access to a Boost Playlist with recommendations on what you should be watching based on any incorrect answers.



How to use GCSEPod with classic revision techniques

GCSEPod and 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 and 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.**

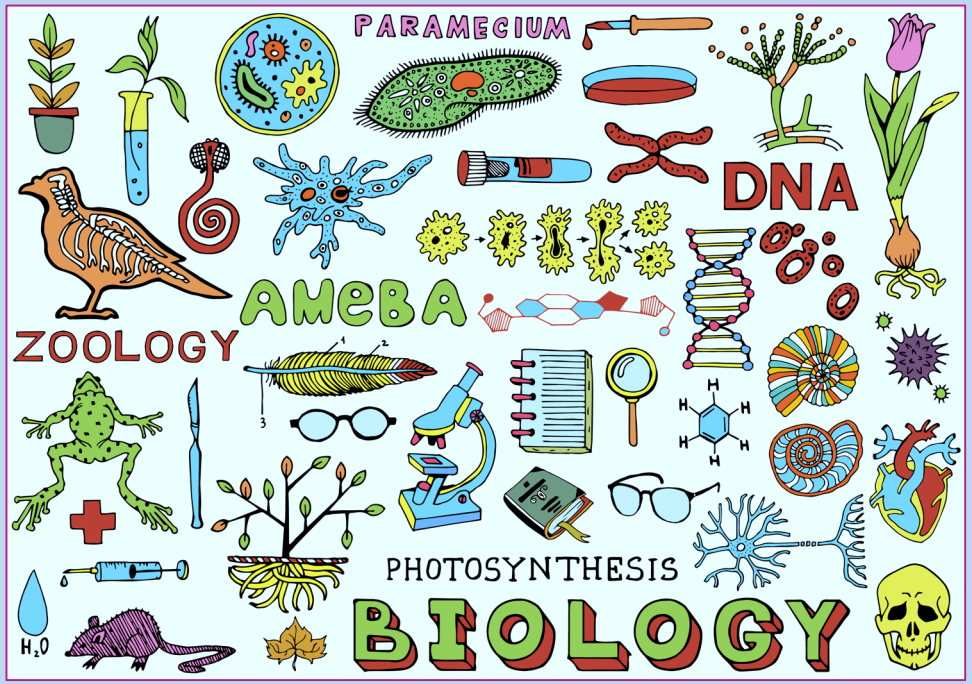
GCSEPod and Flash Cards

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 and 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 and 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 and Mnemonics

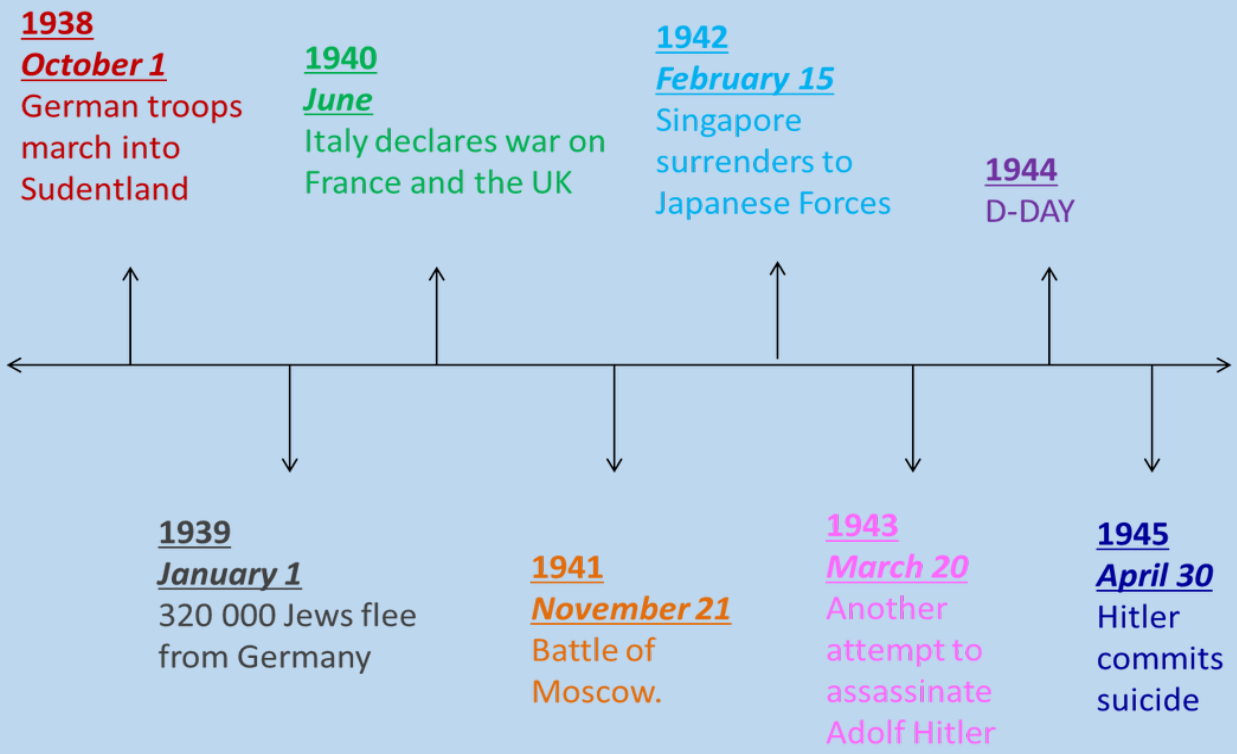
Create a code using rhymes, phrases or acronyms.

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.

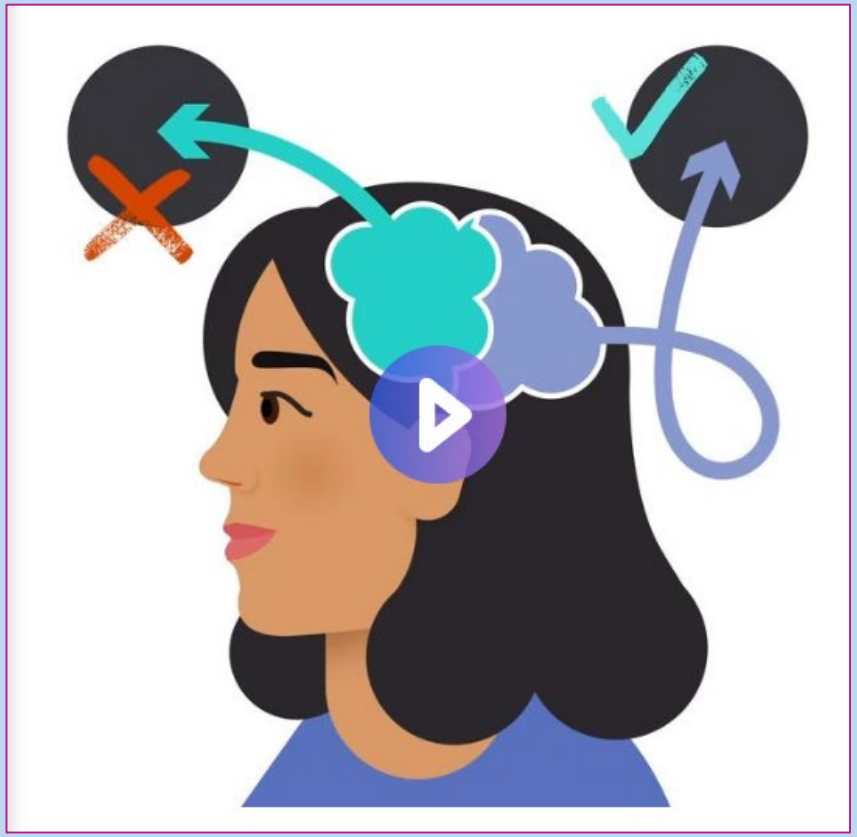
GCSEPod and Timelines

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.

For more revision techniques visit STUDY SMART Pods



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TOP REVISION TIPS

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.

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1 START AS EARLY AS YOU CAN

Cramming at the last minute is stressful and has limited success.

2 MAKE A PLAN

Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject.

3 CREATE A STUDY SPACE

Find a quiet spot away from distractions and keep your things all in one place.

4 MIX IT UP

Use a mixture of revision for best results. See our metacognition pods for more info.

5 TAKE REGULAR BREAKS

It is possible to work too hard, make sure to take regular breaks.

6 REVISE WITH A FRIEND

Talking through what you've learned can help information stick.

7 USE PAST PAPERS

These are a great way to get used to exam format and testing what you have learnt.

8 EAT HEALTHY

Certain foods boost your brainpower and will help you remember more.

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Coping with Exam Stress

Believe in yourself

Eat right

Get organised

Make sleep a priority

Exercise everyday

Talk about nerves

Overcome problems

Keep things in perspective

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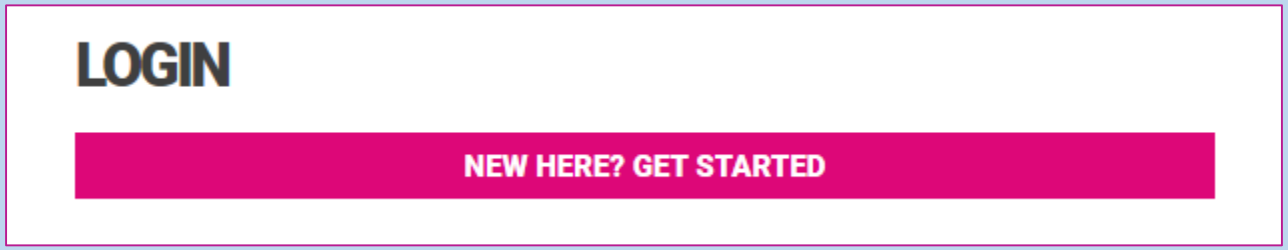

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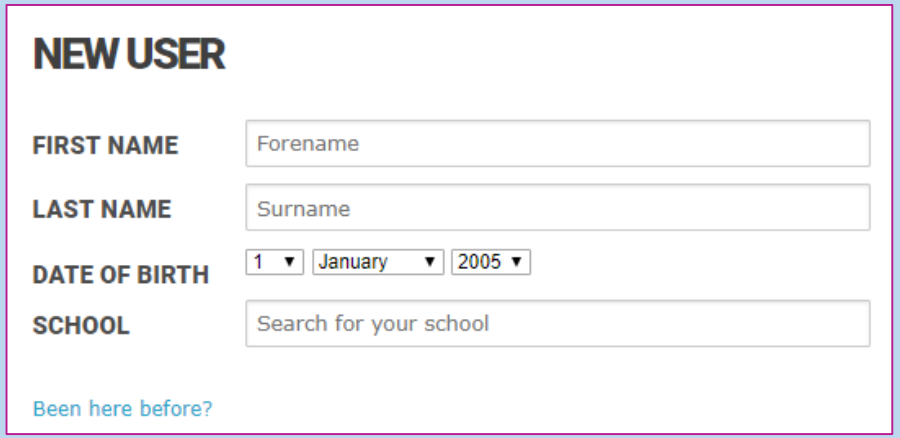

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