

# Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

These are very unusual times.  
You will not be in the school building, but  
you are still part of our school.

Learning will continue and we will continue  
to support you.

Keep learning  
Keep calm  
Keep active  
Keep healthy



## School may be open in a limited way for some pupils:

Pupils whose parents are key workers, like medical staff, and who cannot be left at home alone

Pupils who need support from school such as access to free school meals

Plans for this are being worked out and will be communicated to parents over the coming days



## Keeping learning

Teachers have already given you work to do

They will set more work on Glow as time goes on

**Log in on the morning of Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March;**  
you should have a contact from every teacher with instructions as to what work to do. Please respond so that they know that Glow communication is working for you.



## Keeping learning

Do not stress about work

We know people will be sharing computers with other family members, and that in some places internet connections are poor

We do not expect you to do a whole school day, and deadlines will be relatively long

Find other ways to do work – for instance, you do not have to type everything, you can hand write and send in a photo if you can't get time on the computer.



# If you have any problems accessing work or getting work done:

Contact your Guidance Teacher

you can do this on Teams, by email, or by phoning the school office

Guidance teachers will also do a check-in with you every week, by Teams or phone, on the following days:

Monday S5/6

Tuesday S4

Wednesday S3

Thursday S2

Friday S1



## What work will I do? – S4-6

The priority is completing outstanding coursework and units for SQA courses.

This will be our focus for the coming week.

We will be asking teachers to identify who needs to come in to school to do these things, and making a plan for what is done when

We do not yet know how transport for this would work

Please check Glow and/or the school Facebook page and website regularly for this information; your parents should also check emails and texts



## What work will I do? – S4-6

Once SQA work for this year's courses is complete, S4-5 pupils who are returning to school will move on to begin their new courses.

For this to happen, the timetable needs to have been created. You will be given confirmation of your new subject options before the Easter Holidays, just as we would have done in school.

Please log in to Glow regularly even when you have finished your SQA work, to check for updates on the new timetable.



## What work will I do? – S3

S3 pupils will be given work for the subjects they have chosen for next year. This includes your reserve subject choice at present.

You should also continue your daily Accelerated Reader time, and complete quizzes when you finish books.



## What work will I do? – S1 and 2

S2 pupils will be given work from their subject teachers.

You should also continue your daily Accelerated Reader time, and complete quizzes when you finish books.



## Current S4-6 pupils

We are sad that we have had to cancel the Awards Ceremony which was planned for May.

We very much want to celebrate your achievements and wish our leavers well as they move on to work, training and study.

As soon as it is clear when gatherings will be permitted, we will set about organising a celebration for you.



## Trips and visits

The Swiss Trip is cancelled – we are looking into arranging alternative dates.

The S2 Hoy Trips are cancelled – refunds are being arranged.

We are awaiting confirmation of costs for the Pipe Band trip which was cancelled; we will then arrange any refunds.



## Good things to do while you are home

Keep active – Joe Wicks fitness is providing online PE classes you can join in with

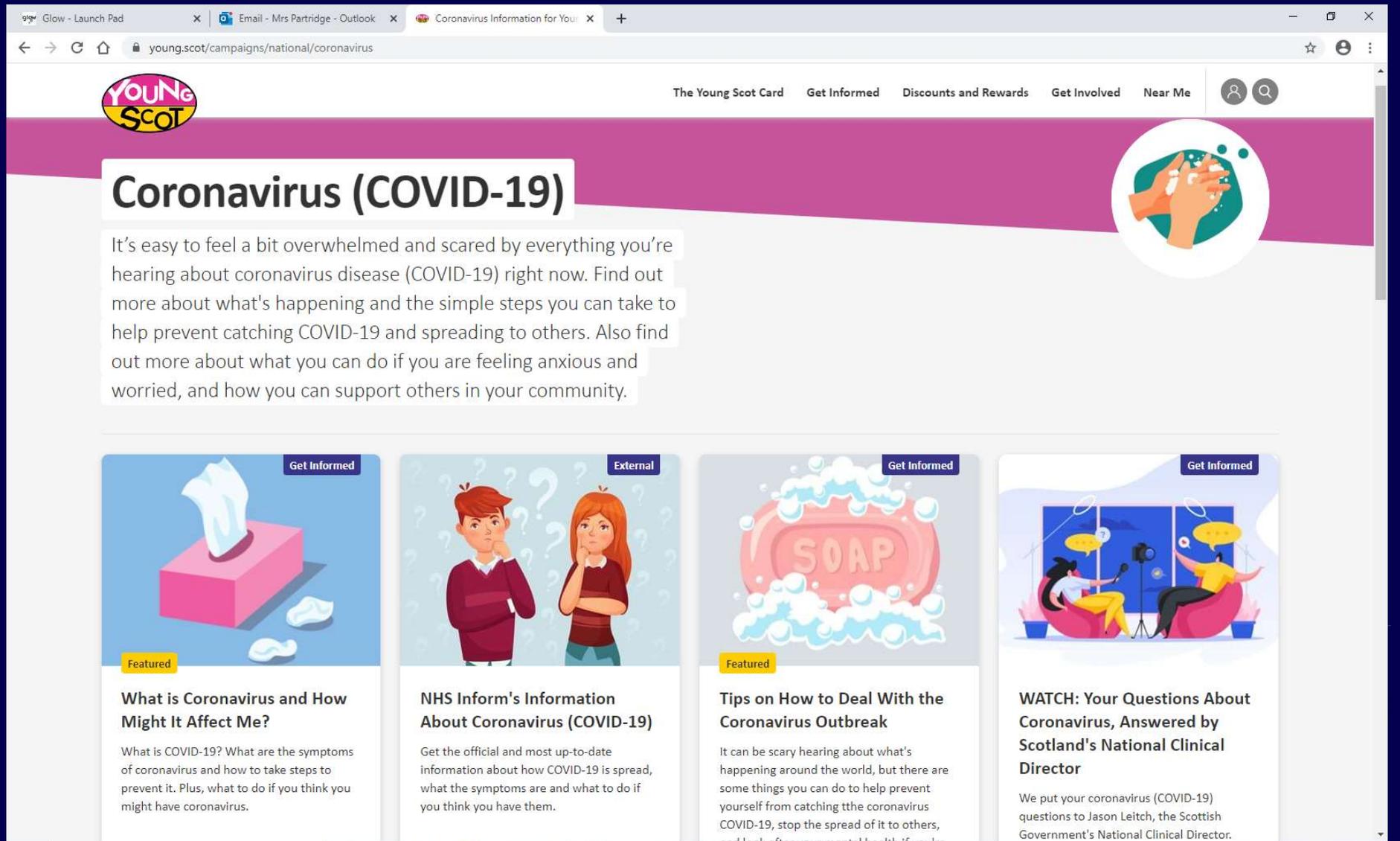
Keep calm – don't spend the whole time following coronavirus news. Spend time on things you like doing and that make you feel good.

Keep connected – you are going to be missing out on social activities, so make time to talk with friends and family, find ways to do things with groups online

Keep healthy – continue to follow the advice on avoiding the spread of infection



# Go to the Young Scot website for lots of good advice on how to manage this time



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus](http://young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus). The page features the Young Scot logo and a navigation menu with links for 'The Young Scot Card', 'Get Informed', 'Discounts and Rewards', 'Get Involved', and 'Near Me'. A search icon is also present. The main heading is 'Coronavirus (COVID-19)', accompanied by an illustration of hands being washed with soap. Below the heading is a paragraph of introductory text. The page is divided into four content cards, each with a 'Get Informed' label (except for one 'External' label). The first card is titled 'What is Coronavirus and How Might It Affect Me?' and is marked as 'Featured'. The second card is titled 'NHS Inform's Information About Coronavirus (COVID-19)' and is marked as 'External'. The third card is titled 'Tips on How to Deal With the Coronavirus Outbreak' and is marked as 'Featured'. The fourth card is titled 'WATCH: Your Questions About Coronavirus, Answered by Scotland's National Clinical Director' and is marked as 'Get Informed'.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

It's easy to feel a bit overwhelmed and scared by everything you're hearing about coronavirus disease (COVID-19) right now. Find out more about what's happening and the simple steps you can take to help prevent catching COVID-19 and spreading to others. Also find out more about what you can do if you are feeling anxious and worried, and how you can support others in your community.

**Get Informed**

**Featured**

**What is Coronavirus and How Might It Affect Me?**

What is COVID-19? What are the symptoms of coronavirus and how to take steps to prevent it. Plus, what to do if you think you might have coronavirus.

**External**

**NHS Inform's Information About Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Get the official and most up-to-date information about how COVID-19 is spread, what the symptoms are and what to do if you think you have them.

**Get Informed**

**Featured**

**Tips on How to Deal With the Coronavirus Outbreak**

It can be scary hearing about what's happening around the world, but there are some things you can do to help prevent yourself from catching the coronavirus COVID-19, stop the spread of it to others, and look after yourself and the people you care about.

**Get Informed**

**WATCH: Your Questions About Coronavirus, Answered by Scotland's National Clinical Director**

We put your coronavirus (COVID-19) questions to Jason Leitch, the Scottish Government's National Clinical Director.

## If you have any questions:

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If you are not getting through to your Guidance Teacher, you can also email

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We will miss seeing you,  
but teachers will be working,  
and we will be there to support you

Keep in touch – and we look forward to  
seeing you when this is all over.

