



BGE - S1-S3 (updated 27/4/20)

School Closure and Coronavirus

Broad General Education

Frequently Asked Questions – new info is highlighted.

Do I need to complete the work being set on Show My Homework & Google Classroom?

Yes, it is really important that you continue your learning during this period of closure. It will be important for your wellbeing that you maintain a routine. To support this, your class teachers will be posting regular work on Show My Homework and Google Classroom. You might want to consider following your school timetable to support this. However, do not worry if you are unwell or you are spending time caring for others and are unable to complete it all. Also, if you need help or don't understand something, you should contact your teacher directly through your Google Classroom or by email.

I need some help to access Glow and Google Classroom

Here is a helpful guide made by Mr Scott:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjCUp92mTVU&feature=youtu.be>

Should I stick to my timetable?

It is important to try and keep a bit of normality and make sure that you have some routine as you adjust to this new way of working. We understand that everyone's circumstances are different and this schedule may not work for everyone – it's just a guide!

Remember that time spent working at home will be different than school. It will be more direct and focused as you are working independently.

Teachers are available through email and Google Classroom

Time	Type of Activity	Notes
Before 0900	Wake up!	Breakfast and get ready
0900-0930	Active Time	Compete with your teachers with the PE challenge from @balfronHSsport

		PE with Joe Wicks https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8o8wMgAT-Y
0930-10-30	Academic Time 1	Log-in to Show My Homework and Google Classroom. Complete some of your tasks.
1030-1100	Break Time	Have a snack and a drink. Avoid screen time
1100-1200	Academic Time 2	Log-in to Show My Homework and Google Classroom. Complete some of your tasks.
1200-1230	Lunch	Avoid screen time if you can. Get some fresh air.
1230-1300	Does anyone need any help?	Use this time to help others or go for a walk (taking into account the latest advice)
1300-1400	Academic Time 3	Log-in to Show My Homework and Google Classroom. Complete some of your tasks.
1400-1500	Chill out time	Use this time to relax and practice some mindfulness. Read a book, complete a puzzle. No screens!
1500-1530	Check-in	Log-in to Show My Homework and Google Classroom. Check for feedback and new tasks so that you can organize yourself for next day.

I have picked my subjects for next year. Do I need to continue to work on subjects that I will no longer be studying?

Yes, it is important that you continue with all the subjects in your Broad General Education. Our curriculum has been designed to meet all the requirements and entitlements of a Curriculum for Excellence and it will help to ensure that you have a breadth of knowledge going forward. Also, we are unable to confirm subject choices at this stage and you therefore do not know what you will be studying next year.

When will the timetable change?

The timetable will change for S3 on 11th May. You can assume that you have your choices if Mrs Short has not been in touch. If she has been in touch, you will have agreed what you are going to do. These courses will begin for current S3 pupils only on 11th May. S1 and S2 will continue with current BGE courses until 1st June. Then year groups will formally change.

I am in S2 or S3 and I have not made my subject choices for next year. What do I need to do?

You can find a copy of the course choice forms here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/balfronhighschool/course-choice-information-evening/>

You can complete your form by printing it, completing it and then emailing a scanned version or photograph to the school. If you are unable to print the form then please just email your choices in to Mrs Short at shorta01s@glow.sch.uk

I've left things in my school locker, will I be able to collect them?

No, at the moment the school is closed to all pupils. We will update you as soon as the situation changes. Keep an eye out on Twitter for updates!

I am supposed to be going on the Switzerland or New York Trip. Are these still going ahead?

All foreign trips have been cancelled. We are working with Stirling Council on claiming insurance and will be in touch with those affected when we have news.

I normally have a meeting in school with a key teacher and my parent/carer to discuss my progress. Will this meeting take place this term or next?

All the meetings that would normally take place will be postponed and rescheduled for when everything is back to normal.

If I feel I need to speak to someone about everything that is going on, where can I get support?

We've put information about websites to access with free phone lines and text services on the school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/balfronhighschool/>

You can also email the Pupil Support Team

- Stage 3 & 4 pupils – appelquistc01s@glow.sch.uk
- Campsie House mcfarlanem01s@glow.sch.uk
- Endrick House shawg01s@glow.sch.uk
- Lomond House: johnstonee01s@glow.sch.uk
or mackayj01s@glow.sch.uk

For Parents/Carers:

Stirling Council has set up a dedicated telephone advice line and email enquiry service for those seeking advice about children and young people's support needs, learning and well being during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

You can contact the advice line by either:

- **Telephone** - 01786 404040 (Monday-Friday from 10am-12.30pm and from 1.30pm-4pm)

This link will take you to all of the current ways to get support from Stirling Council:

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/learning-education/coronavirus-education-updates/coronavirus-education-advice-form/>