

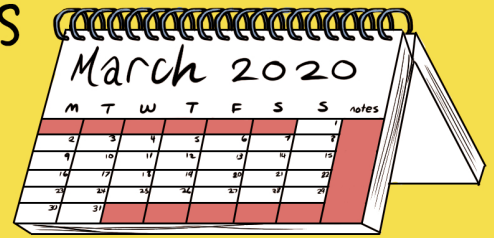
PANDEMIC TALES

RESPONSES TO COVID-19 AND LOCKDOWN

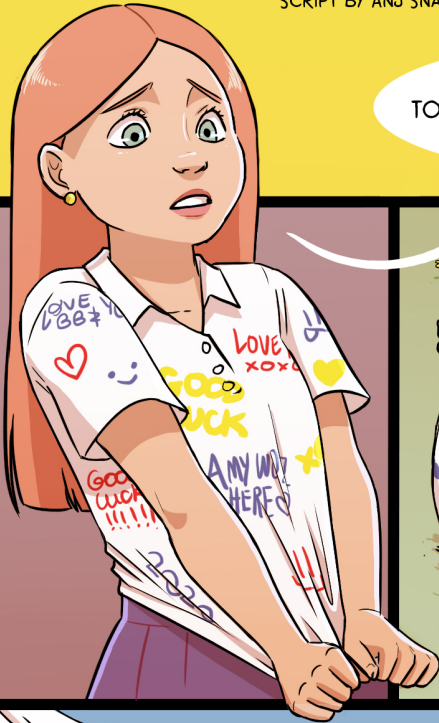


LOST, AND FOUND, IN TRANSITIONS

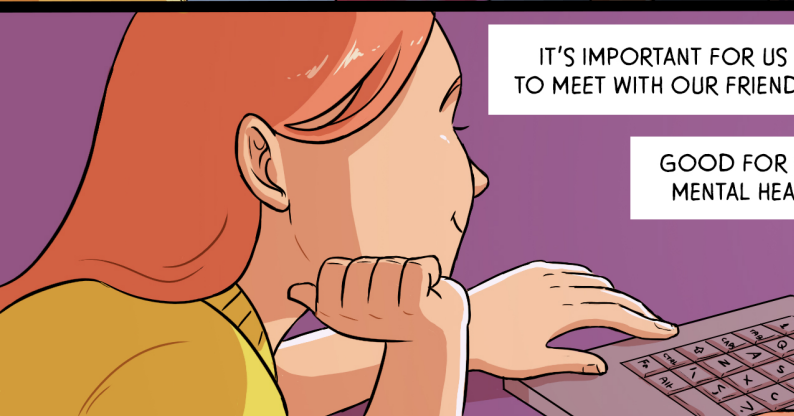
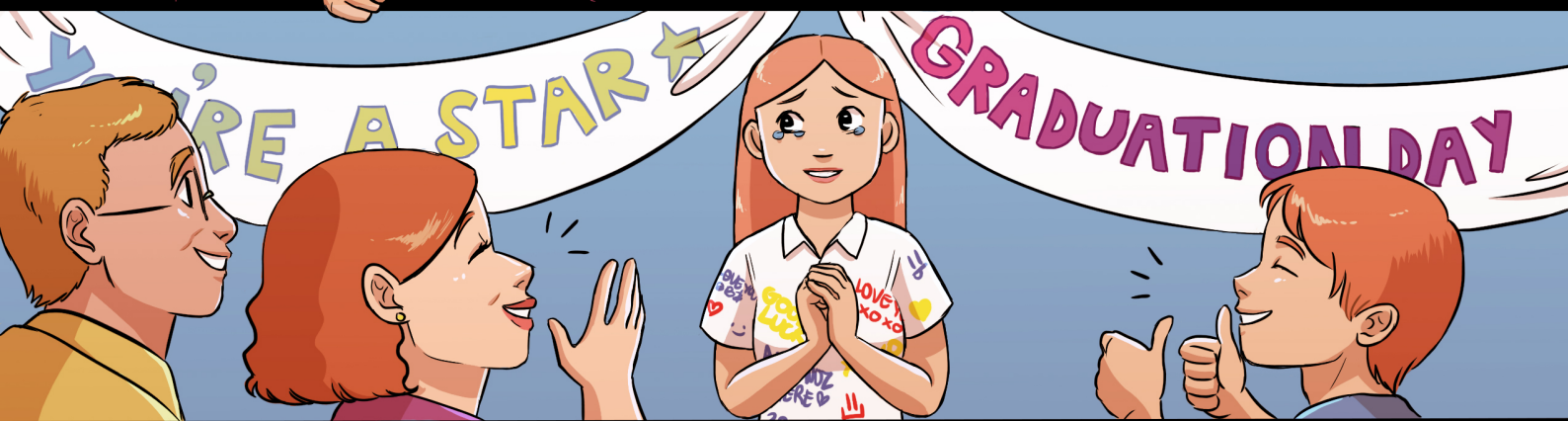
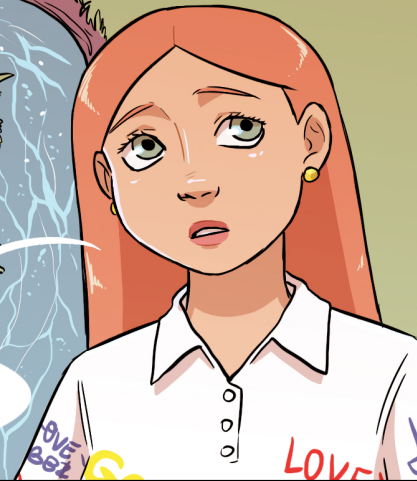
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SCHOOLS ARE BEING CLOSED!
TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL -
EVER!



I KNOW WE SHOULDN'T BE IN A GROUP BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO SEE MY FRIENDS. I DIDN'T KNOW WHEN WE'D ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN.



IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO MEET WITH OUR FRIENDS.

GOOD FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH.



BUT WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN WHO RELY ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS? WHAT WILL THEY EAT? ELECTRICITY BILLS WILL BE HIGH TOO.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN FOR WHOM SCHOOL IS THE ONLY SAFE PLACE? WITH HEIGHTENED TENSIONS RELATED TO COVID-19, WILL THEY FACE MORE DOMESTIC ABUSE?





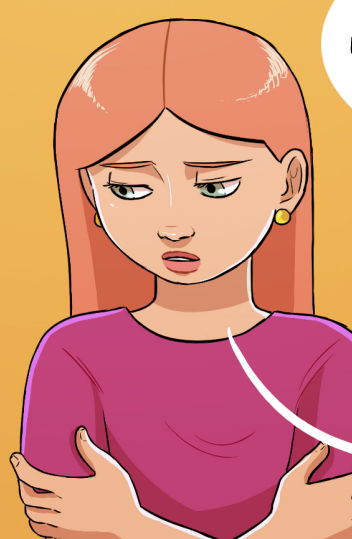
EXAMS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO GRADES FOR UNIVERSITY?

Which qualifications are covered by the guidance in this section?
Why did SQA take the decision to cancel the exams?
What about pushing the exam timetable back to later in the year?
How will National Courses be certificated this year?
Experienced teachers and lecturers will review all the evidence that is available to them to assess whether you have met the requirements for the award. They have a strong understanding of your performance and know how you compare to other learners in each department.
...and/or lecturers will take account of any available work that you have completed throughout the course. U...
...of your work and your progress so far, they will make an estimate of the grade and band...
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IT FEELS LIKE I'M NOT GETTING A GRADE, I'M BEING GIVEN IT.

I WON'T FEEL A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. I SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON MY ADVANCED HIGHERS RATHER THAN STARTING UNIVERSITY.

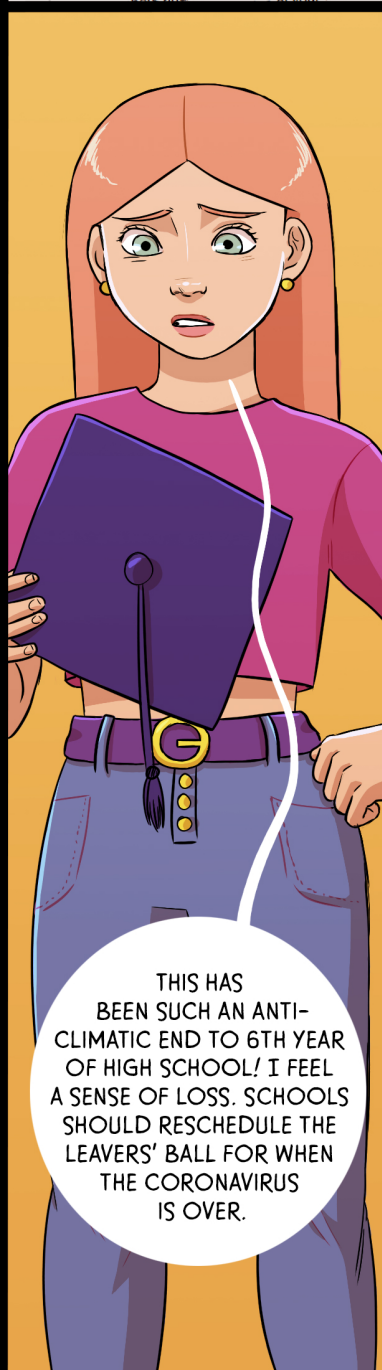
IT'S ONLY MARCH AND UNIVERSITY WON'T START TILL SEPTEMBER, IF THAT!



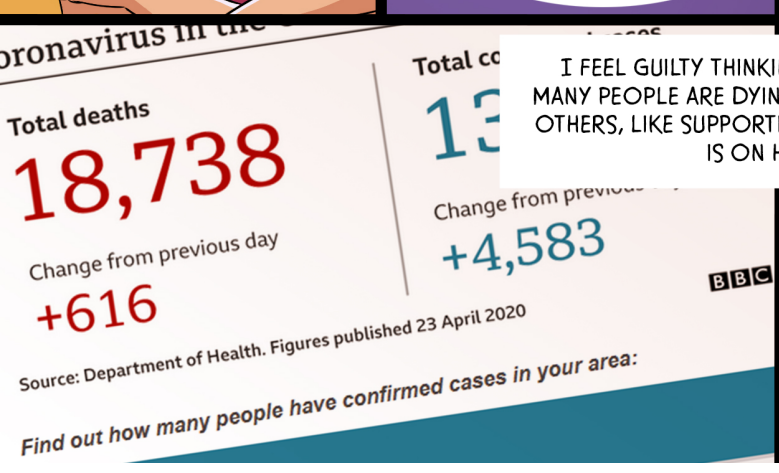
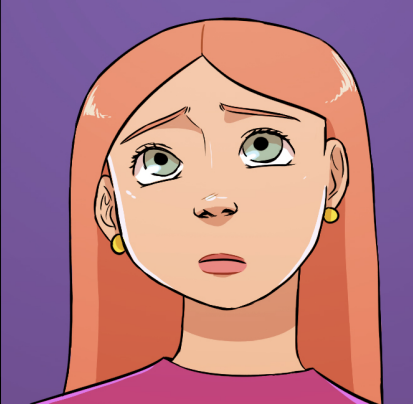
EVERYONE HAS THIS BIG GRADUATION. I LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL. I WON'T GET TO DO WHAT OTHERS DO LIKE CROSSING THE STAGE AND GETTING A CERTIFICATE.



I'LL SEE THOSE HOLLYWOOD MOVIES IN FUTURE AND ALWAYS FEEL I DIDN'T GET IT.



THIS HAS BEEN SUCH AN ANTI-CLIMATIC END TO 6TH YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL! I FEEL A SENSE OF LOSS. SCHOOLS SHOULD RESCHEDULE THE LEAVERS' BALL FOR WHEN THE CORONAVIRUS IS OVER.

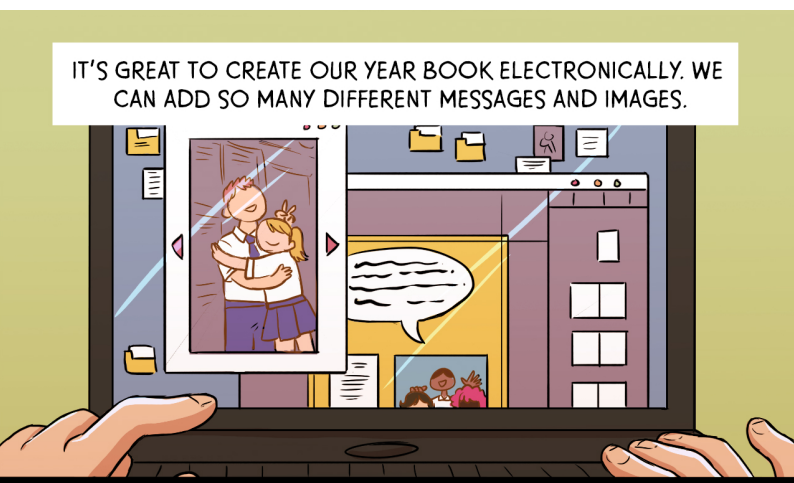


I FEEL GUILTY THINKING LIKE THAT WHEN SO MANY PEOPLE ARE DYING. I NEED TO FOCUS ON OTHERS, LIKE SUPPORTING MY NEIGHBOUR WHO IS ON HER OWN.

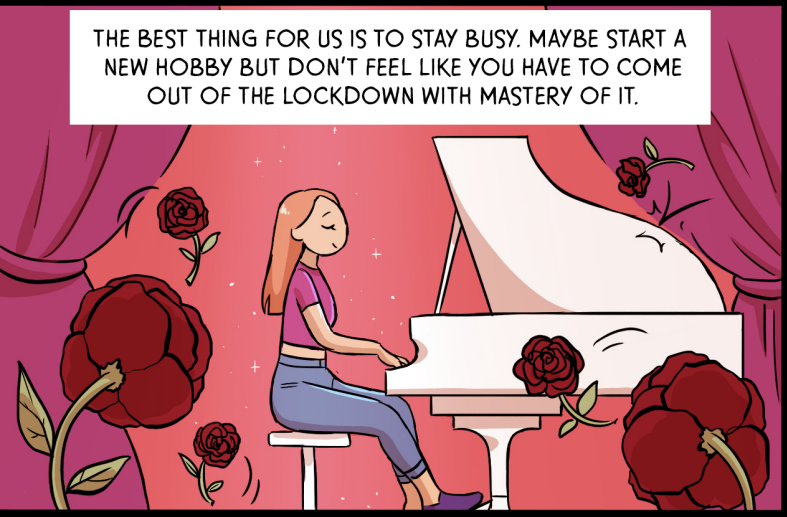




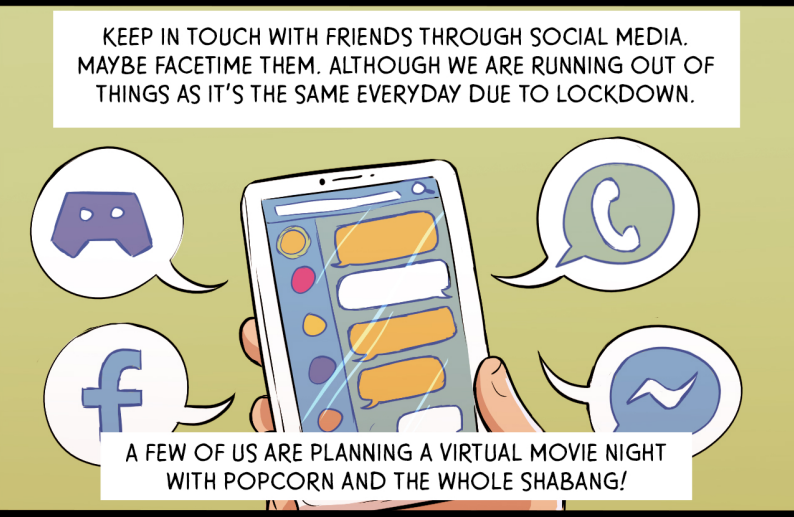
WE DECIDED TO HAVE A VIRTUAL LEAVERS' BALL. SOME OF US HAD ALREADY BOUGHT NEW DRESSES FOR JUNE LEAVERS' BALL, SO IT WORKED WELL. OTHERS BORROWED FROM THEIR PARENTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.



IT'S GREAT TO CREATE OUR YEAR BOOK ELECTRONICALLY. WE CAN ADD SO MANY DIFFERENT MESSAGES AND IMAGES.

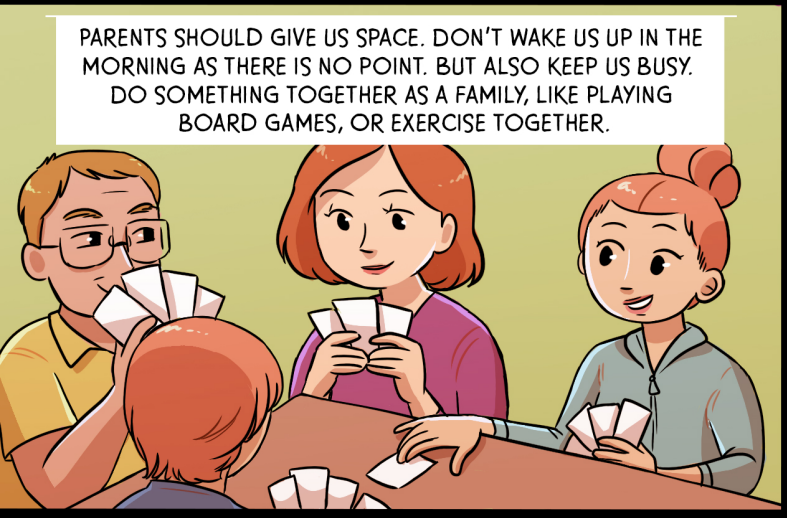


THE BEST THING FOR US IS TO STAY BUSY. MAYBE START A NEW HOBBY BUT DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE LOCKDOWN WITH MASTERY OF IT.

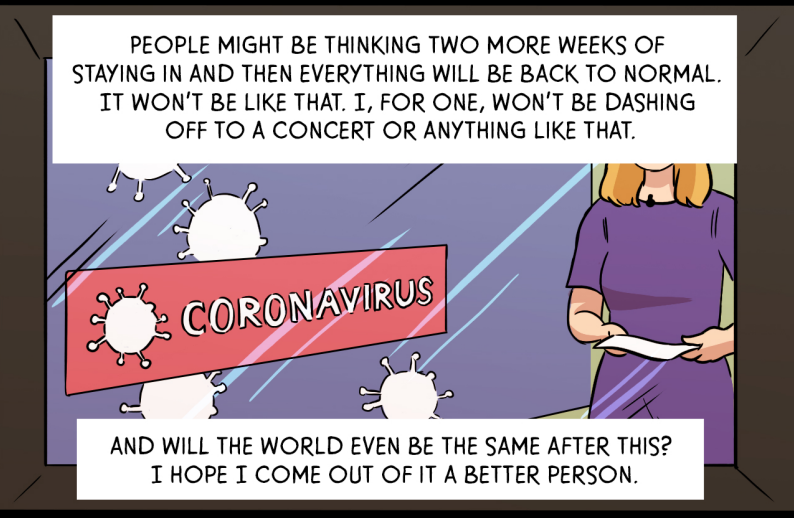


KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA. MAYBE FACETIME THEM. ALTHOUGH WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF THINGS AS IT'S THE SAME EVERYDAY DUE TO LOCKDOWN.

A FEW OF US ARE PLANNING A VIRTUAL MOVIE NIGHT WITH POPCORN AND THE WHOLE SHABANG!



PARENTS SHOULD GIVE US SPACE. DON'T WAKE US UP IN THE MORNING AS THERE IS NO POINT. BUT ALSO KEEP US BUSY. DO SOMETHING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY, LIKE PLAYING BOARD GAMES, OR EXERCISE TOGETHER.



PEOPLE MIGHT BE THINKING TWO MORE WEEKS OF STAYING IN AND THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL. IT WON'T BE LIKE THAT. I, FOR ONE, WON'T BE DASHING OFF TO A CONCERT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

AND WILL THE WORLD EVEN BE THE SAME AFTER THIS? I HOPE I COME OUT OF IT A BETTER PERSON.

DESPITE THE SAD ASPECTS OF CORONAVIRUS, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME POSITIVES. WE ARE ALL SPENDING TIME WITH EACH OTHER AT HOME. TAKING CARE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS, SPEAKING WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AROUND THE WORLD REGULARLY. STOPPING WORK TO HAVE LUNCH, OR TO GO TO THE GARDEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. IT PUTS EVERYTHING INTO PERSPECTIVE.



THE WORLD HAS NEVER COME TOGETHER LIKE THIS BEFORE. LET'S HOPE WE LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE.

