

Scotland U19s to host Italy at The Greenyards

Scotland U19 will play two fixtures against Italy and England in April.

Coached by Scotland U20 Head Coach Kenny Murray and his staff, Scotland will host Italy at The Greenyards, home of Melrose RFC, on Wednesday 9 April, kicking off at 4pm.

The squad will then travel to Penny Park RFC, North Shields to face England on Saturday 26 April at 2pm.

The fixtures will provide high-level competitive action for players at a crucial time in the calendar as Scotland prepare to return to the World Rugby U20 Championship in June.

Tickets for the Italy game are free.

Murray said: "These two fixtures will give more high-level game time to some of our most promising U19 players. For some it will be the highest standard games they have played in, which can only be a positive for their development.

"It also gives us a chance to look at some players in an international environment ahead of the World Rugby U20 Championship, which is really valuable for us.

"The more rugby of a high standard our young players can play the better, so I'm delighted to have these two opportunities for our U19 players to test their abilities against what will be two very good sides in Italy and England."