



CNSNewsletter



HEAD'S LINES

“Intelligence plus character” (Martin Luther King)

What is school for? This is a question that is not as easy to answer as at first it might seem. During a lecture in 1947, Martin Luther King said that the goal of true education was “intelligence plus character”. This provides a neat and concise description of what the purpose of education is. At Chipping Norton School both intelligence and character are very much centre stage of what we do, and never more so than at this time of year when, with examinations and assessments in full swing, these aspects of education are certainly tested.

There have been headlines in our newspapers about students having to tackle tougher school work and tougher examinations. This may well be the case but such challenges also ensure that students are well prepared for their lives beyond school. There have also been headlines about the stress that such pressure can lead to. As teachers, it is important that we enable students to put such feelings into perspective. It is natural for anyone to feel anxious

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D of E: Going for Gold!



In preparation for our Gold Expedition in July we embarked on a weekend practice session canoeing along the River Wye.

We arrived on the Friday night in the sunshine and spent the evening cooking our dinner, relaxing and getting ready for canoeing the next day.

On the Saturday morning we set off canoeing early in the morning, ready for a long day. The river was fast-flowing which seemed to make the day go quickly and we were able to spend the day enjoying the surroundings as a team.

When we arrived at camp just after going through a few rapids, we set up the tents and prepared to cook dinner just as it began to rain. Despite the bad weather we stayed happy by eating lots of biscuits and chocolate in the tents and playing cards.

Early the next day we set off again, ready for another full day of paddling. By midday we reached the rapids, which, with a few screams, we all successfully negotiated. Then we were on the home stretch with not long to go! After a bit of boat hopping in the middle of the river, we finally reached the end, thankfully dry!

Kevin Nutt, D of E Expedition organiser commented: “We had a great weekend with the CNS students. It was one of those trips where you say afterwards “that is why we do it”.

The students were great, listened well, worked well, camped well, paddled well, were a pleasure to work with and they all got on well together. Congratulations to all involved, you were a credit to the school!

Toby Robottom,
Hamish Jaffe,
Ewan Velinga,
Eleanor Taylor, Jacob Beck,
Luke Briggs,
Jack Tyler-Chamberlain,
Matthew Brock,
George Hill,
Oscar Miller, Imy Ward,
Megan Stockford,
Ellika Guzenda,
Laura Shirley,
Amber England and Megan Joyner.”

Overall it was a incredible weekend, canoeing for 8 hours a day in the sunshine and camping with friends. We can't wait for the real week long expedition along the River Severn in July!

**Megan Stockford and
Imy Ward: 12S**



when they are facing challenging situations such as examinations or interviews, and not feeling anxious would suggest not being bothered. We have spoken to many students over the past month about the work they are doing, the examinations they are sitting and the anxiety they are experiencing. We frequently remind students about the good preparation they have had, about the great support available in school and about the ways to build resilience to cope with such anxiety.

“Leaders and teachers at all levels provide effective, tailored support for any pupils who might be experiencing difficulties, problems or issues” (Ofsted 2017)

A key part of our job as teachers is to prepare children for the challenges that they will face throughout their lives. With the emphasis on school league tables there is a danger that students become “numbers”. This has never been the case at Chipping Norton School. I am proud to lead a school where students matter as individuals and where “uniqueness is nurtured”. Such pride is never more evident than when students have worked hard with us to overcome obstacles and leave with their heads held high. Or when students return to school to say thank you to the individuals who helped them to become who they are. Good luck to all our students sitting examinations this summer.

Simon Duffy:
Head Teacher

Relaunch of the Student Council



The Student Council is being relaunched this term by Mrs Thomas. Each tutor group has elected a Student Council Representative, who will meet five times over the course of the year. The reps elected this term are from the current Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 and they will hold office until Easter 2019. In September, they will be joined by reps from the new Year 7 and new Year 12.

The role of the Council is as follows:

- To improve communication between pupils and the school Leadership Team;
- To promote respect amongst students;
- To support the development of the school and contribute to school policy;
- To represent the views of students;
- To assist in fund raising.

At our first meeting, Mr Duffy welcomed the Council and presented reps with their badges. We then discussed which charities we would like to support over the next academic year and reps have been tasked with getting the views of their tutor group before we make the final decision at

the next meeting in June.

We also had a lively discussion about what issues Council members wished to discuss at future meetings. The canteen was top of the list and at our next meeting we will be looking at ways of reducing the amount of packaging used by the canteen, the range of food available and the queuing system. We hope to be able to present a range of solutions to the Leadership Team, some of which may be implemented in September.

Congratulations to Bethany Oliver-Hall, Jasmine Drinkwater, Morgan Wollerton, Millie Chettleborough, Harley Coggins, Heidi Rowsell, Nayah Aitken, Charlie Jennings, Jacob Perry, Jessica Bradford, Sam Lyon, Harriet Lodge, Oli Ball, Polly Woodward, Henry Gorst, Archie Randall, Niraz Miah, Sophie Rowe, Charlie Summers, Callum Findlay, Tiago Boeing, Jack Kendall, Dylan Stovin-Bradford, Kai Lloyd, Ellen Morton, Luke Briggs and Hattie Cornish for being elected to the Student Council.

Mrs Thomas: School Improvement Leader

KS4 Awards

On Thursday 10th May the Key Stage 4 Awards evening were held at Chipping Norton School. The evening was a celebration of the hard work students had put into their studies and education throughout the past year. It was a fantastic evening and great to see students being recognised for their outstanding efforts and commitment to a wide range of school life.

Year 11 winners were as follows:

Art - Cameron Davidson-Wright

Biology - Retu Rafiq

Business Studies - Luke Barnes

Chemistry - Ewan Graham

Computer Science - Tom Ashton

Dance - Anna Thompson

D & T - Retu Rafiq

Drama - Eve Carroll

English - Rory Mitchinson

Food & Nutrition - Mark Estupa

French - Megan Hayes

Geography - Felix Wigzell

German - Alex Blackmore Sly

Health & Social Care - Yasmin Dix

History - Thomas Alarcon-Clark

Mathematics - Harry Smart

Music - Maddy Fisher

Performing Arts - Troy Beadle

PE - Stan Norman

Physics - James Ingham

RE - Jacy Taylor

Retu Rafiq was awarded the Governors' prize for outstanding achievement and James Ingham received the Headteacher's award for an outstanding range of extra-curricular activities.

Mrs Tandy:
Head of Year 11

Toby's road to Sporting Success



In January I made my debut as a prop in Chipping Norton 1st team, playing in the same team as my brother Oliver. I was also approached by Wasps Academy to go and train with the academy

I've had the most amazing year of rugby. At the end of November, Chipping Norton School won the County Cup and the District Cup, the first time we have won both cups in a season. I was one of the senior players, in a very young team, and scored the winning try in the district final.

In December I was selected for Oxfordshire U18 and played against Devon then Cornwall. On the basis of my performances in these games, I was selected for the South West Divisional final trials in January. I was successful in the trials and was selected for the South West Division U18.

and went on to play for Wasps U18 vs Sale Sharks U18. This was an experience that I will never forget.

In February I played for South West Division vs Gloucestershire Academy. At the end of February I took part in the England Divisional Trials weekend at Stourbridge, playing for the South West Division vs Midlands Division and then two days later, playing against North Division. To cap it all, in February I was awarded the Chipping Norton town over 18 sportsman of the year award.

Toby Robottom: 13W

County Indoor Athletics Finals



On Thursday 19th April twelve of our Year 7 and 8 boys represented West Oxon at the Indoor Athletics County Finals at the Leys Leisure Centre in Oxford. This is a team based event including all three disciplines of running, jumping and throwing. On a very hot afternoon the boys did themselves proud

giving absolutely everything they had.

Year 8 finished in 4th place, 1 point behind 3rd and only 2 points behind the runners up! Year 7 went one better and finished in 3rd place collecting their medals to applause from other participants and spectators.

GLL Sports Foundation Awards

Three talented sportsmen, Callum Smart (12G), Brett Massey (11SW) and Devon Shadbolt (11EN) have recently received GLL Sports Foundation Awards as recognition of their sporting talents.

Swimmer Callum received £1000 to help

him train towards his goal to representing GB at the junior championships in Helsinki this year.

Brett and Devon were also worthy recipients of awards to assist their continued Inline Roller Hockey success.

Year 8s travel to Franklins Gardens

After being victorious at the quality Sibford 7's, beating all opposition, including some local private schools, Chipping Norton Year 8 rugby team were invited to play in the Redrow 7's finals at Franklins Gardens, home of Premiership rugby club Northampton Saints.

After a mixed start in a tough group, Chipping Norton went from strength to strength

and qualified for the Bowl Final to be played in the main stadium. Unfortunately due to injury and illness we had to play most of the tournament with 8 squad players and this final game was one too many for tired legs and we lost 24-14.

This was the first time any Chipping Norton side had qualified for this tournament which

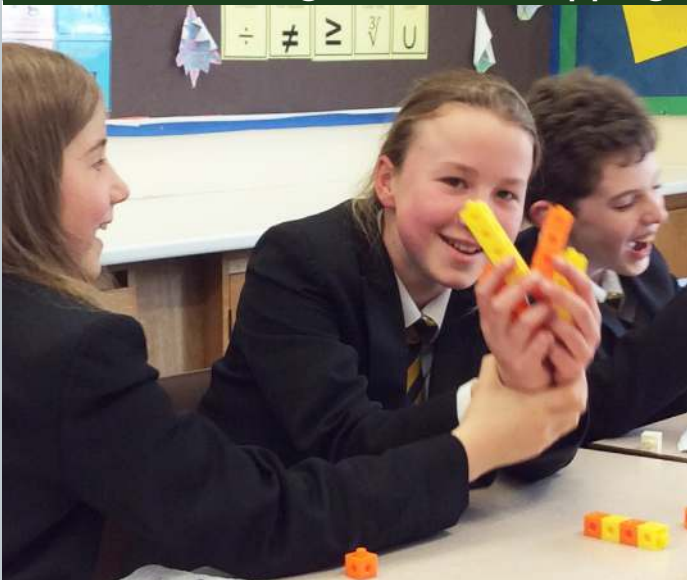


was dominated by Private Schools and the squad were an absolute credit to the school playing some

excellent rugby throughout the day.

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

Year 7 Mastering Maths at Chipping Norton School



Since Mathematics Mastery came to Chipping Norton School last September it has been a hit with both staff and students. This is a national programme currently used in 475 primary and secondary schools aimed at increasing enjoyment, resilience, understanding and attainment in Mathematics.

FAQs

Q. What is Mathematics Mastery?

A. At its core students are encouraged to fully understand core mathematical concepts through the use of manipulatives and discussion tasks. They then use their knowledge for the usual type of maths questions and lots of problem solving.

Q. So what are manipulatives?

A. These are just a pack of equipment that students can use at any time to help them get to grips with a concept.

Q. How do we check progress?

A. Students do a pre-test before each module and a post-test afterwards. From this it is easy to see how much

progress has been made each term.

Q. Who is doing the Mathematics Mastery programme?

A. It was started for Year 7 this year. We will be continuing into Year 8 next year.

Year 7 students were asked how they have found maths lessons this year.

'It has been fun but at the right standard for me so it gives you a degree of challenge.' Sean Benney.

'I have learnt much more than I already knew and it is helping me a lot because I used to struggle with Maths.' Isabella Blundell.

'My Maths lessons have been fun and interesting. I really enjoy them. I have learnt a lot.' Jaimee Dillon.

'Lessons have sometimes been challenging and I have learned new ways to answer problems and a lot of other skills.' Beth Castle.

'My Maths lessons have been very fun and I have learnt a lot. I like discussing ideas because you get to know what everyone else thinks. I like the pre and post tests because you can see how much you have improved.' Abigail Nunnely

Chipping Norton School has been able to be part of the Mathematics Mastery programme through the generosity of Tony Yarrow from Wise Investments who has kindly sponsored and supported the project for the first 2 years. We would like to publicly thank Tony for his support in helping us to be able to deliver this innovative mathematics curriculum at Chipping Norton School.

CNS Mathematics Department



Year 7 'Tenner Challenge'



In February, Mr Parker introduced Year 7 to the Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge. We worked in small groups over a four week period to try and make as much money as we could from a ten pound note. We were encouraged to donate the profits to a charity of our choice and to consider interesting ways to fundraise.

Our tutor, Miss Pearton, suggested we hold a raffle. We decided this was a good idea as we could sell tickets to our families as well as to students and staff at school. We wrote to a number of local businesses explaining what we were doing and asking for donations of prizes. We received prizes from: Banbury Plant and Skip Hire (£50 in cash); The Pear Tree Inn, Hook Norton (£30 meal voucher); The Village Shop, Hook Norton (two boxes of chocolates); Sally Ward (Stella and Dot bracelet); Daylesford (a hamper); and Williams (a ticket to the open evening). We are very grateful for their support.

We chose to donate our profits to two charities- Parkinson's UK and the Spinal Injuries Association- splitting it equally.

We all worked hard to sell raffle tickets at home and school. Mrs Faulkner helped us draw the raffle and we hope the winners were pleased with their prizes. Mr

Parker won the £50, but generously donated it back to add to our profits.

In total, we raised a profit of £247.30 for our charities. We were delighted to receive a Gold Entrepreneur of the Year Award in assembly as the highest fundraisers. We recently met up with Lily Coombs, regional fundraiser for Parkinson's UK and had photographs taken handing over one of our cheques. She was impressed by how much money we had raised and may feature us in Parkinson's UK publicity.

Charlotte Nunnely, Lily Stanton and Cadence James : TEN



Young Enterprise's 'Tanner Challenge' is an exciting national challenge which encourages students to turn start-up capital of £10 into a profit within one month. Through this challenge students develop key business skills including creativity, problem-solving and team work. They can then choose how to use their profits for the good of the community. We are very impressed with the efforts made by the Year 7s this year which meant that over £1000 were raised for important charities.

Mr Parker: Careers and Work Experience Co-ordinator



Young people needed to take part in Bright Green Future, a training programme to create a new generation of environmental leaders

We are looking for exceptional future leaders aged 14-17 with an interest in making a

real difference to reducing the impacts of climate change to take part in our one year programme starting in September 2018.

Being a part of Bright Green Future will provide the knowledge, skills and confidence to embark on a career path which could influence decisions on energy and climate change. This exciting opportunity is open for registration now.

Participants will carry out activities including:

- Training and learning
- Mentoring
- Work placement
- Local projects
- Residential course

Bright Green Future is managed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), an established and respected energy charity with a huge range of experience in delivering projects that support people to reduce their energy use, providing resources to help community energy projects to develop, researching impacts of energy policy and much more. CSE staff will be on hand to support and mentor participants throughout the duration of the programme.

For more information and to find the application form please visit: Bright Green Future and follow @BrightGrnFuture

Year 4 MFL Festival



On Wednesday 2 May we were delighted to welcome over 200 Year 4 pupils to our Language Department to take part in the Chipping Norton School Language Festival. This is run and hosted by Year 7, 10 and 12 Language Leaders who really take ownership of the event, providing an exciting learning environment.

The event starts with the pupils being split into country groups who then go on to take part in different classroom activities, all based on language and culture. One of the highlights for the pupils is an opportunity to try several different cheeses – it seemed the blue cheese caused the most discussion and facial expressions! The 'Splat' workshops identifying words for

animals and weather is also very popular. As the pupils rotate around the workshops they earn stickers to reward their hard work.

It is really encouraging to see that the pupils are so eager to learn a new language. They are accompanied by their class teachers and TAs who support them throughout. The feedback was so positive and they all agreed that the workshop really supports the learning in their own primary schools.

Thank you so much to the Language Leaders and Mrs Brocklebank and her department. The CNS students put a lot of time and preparation in to the event to ensure it all runs smoothly on the day. Congratulations to you all.



U10 Rugby Festival



On Wednesday 9 May Mrs Fisher and her Year 10 Sports Leaders welcomed our ten CNPS primary school rugby teams to take part in this annual tournament. James Clarke and his colleagues Mark, Roberto, Ralph and Frances from CNRFC also supported this event with their refereeing skills and professional expertise.

The primary teams spend time with their teachers at their own schools preparing for the tournament, honing their skills and practising. They come fully prepared and ready to compete.

As always, they are supported by their teachers and TAs and often their parents who come along to watch. It is a lovely opportunity for the pupils to really show off their skills and enjoy the game.

At the end of the afternoon the winners were:-
Big School Winners:
Holy Trinity
Small School Winners:
Enstone

Congratulations to everyone who took part; you were a credit to your school.

Mrs Fisher:
Community Learning

Familyfocus

We are looking forward to welcoming families from our Partnership Schools to our Family Focus events over the first two weeks of June.

We are delighted to be able to offer families the opportunity to take part in five workshops: Tennis for Beginners, Maths and Puzzles Workshop, Dance, Music and Family First Aid which is run by St John Ambulance.

Thank you to the teachers from Chipping Norton School who give up their time to run these events. It is a valuable opportunity for adults and

children to work together and maybe try something new. We look forward to seeing everyone who has signed up.

Please contact Sharon Hannis, Community Learning Coordinator for further details.
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Chip Lit Fest 2018



'Middle Barton School Year 4-6 loved Clive Goddard's workshop and here he is sharing his work...'

We were delighted that as part of the Chipping Norton Literary Festival, eleven authors came to visit Chipping Norton Partnership Schools on "Schools Day" - Thursday 26 April. These included SF Said, Nadia Shireen, Kristina Stephenson, Clive Goddard, Bali Rai and Vashti Hardy. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to meet an author and be inspired by their books.

Enstone Primary School: 'Our children particularly enjoyed the question and answer with SF Said and how his writing has been inspired by mythology and the poet William Blake. He left us all feeling very upbeat about following our dreams and passion'

Great Rollright Primary School: 'Our Key Stage 1

children enjoyed a hugely entertaining visit from Kristina Stephenson, author of 'Sir Charlie Stinky Socks'. There was singing, dancing and puppetry to be enjoyed alongside dressing up opportunities and finally a shared performance of the story. It was great fun for everyone and several children had the opportunity and pleasure of purchasing a signed copy of 'Sir Charlie Stinky Socks' picture book'

What a wonderful experience for every child and thank you so much to Milly Weaver, Schools and Young People Programme Director and of course the authors. We very much look forward to next year.

Mrs Fisher: Community Learning Lead

Chip Lit Fest author visit



We are very grateful to Milly Weaver and the Chip Lit Fest Committee for organising another fantastic year of children's events. We were privileged to have Catherine Johnson talk to the Year 9s about her wonderfully vivid book, *Sawbones*.

Sawbones is the story of 16 year old Ezra, a surgeon's apprentice in 18th century London. Ezra finds himself entangled in a thrilling murder mystery

which takes him from the operating theatre to the dirty streets of London to the lavish Ottoman Embassy.

Catherine described the level of research she carries out to make her novels both historically accurate and exciting.

After this event, *Sawbones* has been in great demand in the library.

Ms Bovington: Librarian

Chipping Norton School PTA News



Following the PTA AGM in May, we are delighted to announce that the PTA now has a new Chair (John Rux Burton), Secretary (Tanya Harrington) and Treasurer (Lorna Bennett) as well as new Committee members.

We are keen for the PTA to exist both as a fundraising body and as a means of strengthening links between the school staff, pupils, parents and the wider community. We already have some exciting ideas for future events

and other fundraising opportunities and are keen to involve as many parents as possible in our shared goal of helping the school be the best it can be. With that in mind, we would like to invite everyone along to our next meeting on Tuesday, July 10th at 7pm in the school conference room.

Come along to share your ideas and help us launch this exciting new iteration of the PTA. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to be involved, please contact the school office at office.4010@chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk

Chip Lit Fest Poetry competition

The annual Chip Lit Poetry competition is always something that our students look forward to taking part in. This year local school children were challenged to write a poem on the theme of 'My Favourite Place' - a topic which allowed great scope for creativity.

Hundreds of entries were sent to the judge,

author, songwriter and poet John Dougherty to review.

Congratulations are due to all the students who entered this year's poetry competition and in particular to the winners (Joanna Pike, Jemima Scott and Olivia Riley) and the runner ups (Charlie Chadwick and Pickle Harris).

Diamond Light Source



Diamond Light Source is one of Britain's most important assets to the scientific community, not just in our own country but all across the world. Recently, it was featured in the news due to its use to uncover the structure of an enzyme that could potentially deal with plastics. Since its launch in 2001, it has housed thousands of different endeavours in industry and science.

It was very lucky, therefore, that in March a selection of Year 11 and 12 Physics students got to attend such an iconic place, and even have a guided tour of its facilities. Usually, such a tour would consist of standing on top of the particle accelerator (which is the driving force of system) and while that in itself is an interesting experience when coupled with the explanation from the tour guide, it is just some concrete surrounded by lots of yellow lead.

However, on this visit the accelerator was switched off, meaning that we could

walk underneath all of the radiation shielding and see the very workings that produce all of these amazing results.

Inside, the accelerator was very colourful, and also surprisingly small. Apart from a few water pipes and electrical equipment, the accelerator consists of red, yellow, and green magnets with a few black (very effective) vacuum pumps.

In a short summary, the pumps remove particles that might obscure the

electrons that the magnets are accelerating, focusing, or steering (depending on their colour). The final result is a lot of high powered X-rays which, much like the ones in hospital machines, allow scientists to see the structure of various objects; the only two differences really are the much greater power of these X-rays and the way they are focused at the object.

After seeing this, we got to see the very source that produces the electrons, which was really just more magnets.

In summary, it was incredible to see in such detail a machine that has been responsible for assisting great scientific discoveries, and the explanations of how it all worked were fascinating, but it is surprising how a 260 million pound project can just look like a lot of colourful lead and magnets!

Luie Glover: I2G



What's on at CNS

TERM 6

JUNE Wk 34 A

Mon 4 TERM BEGINS

A level Examinations begin

Tues 5 Y6 Transition visits for 2 weeks

CNPS Y4&5 Creative writing

Thurs 7 Family Focus Science

Fri 8 Y8-10 MFL visit Normandy

Y12 Progress report home

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Mon 11 KS3 Drama Workshop

Family Focus Dance

Tues 12 Family Focus Music

Wed 13 CNPS U11 Cricket

Thurs 14 Family Focus First Aid

Sat/Sun 16/17

D of E Bronze Assessment

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Mon 18 Carnegie Award Day trip

Wed 20 Y12 Examinations begin

Bridge Club 2:00-3:45 pm

Thurs 21 Bridge Club 2:00-3:45 pm

KS3 Awards Evening 6:30 pm

Fri 22 GCSE Examinations end

Y7,8 &10 Progress report home

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Mon 25 Y4&5 Maths A,G&T

Tues 26 A level Examinations end

KS4 Explained to Y9 Parents

Main Hall 7.00pm

Wed 27 Y6 Transition Day

Y6 Inter-house PE festival

Thurs 28 Y6 Transition Day

Y6 New Entrants

Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm

Fri 29 Y12 Examinations end

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Sun 1 German Exchange departs

Mon 2 Y10 Work Experience

New Y12 Induction

Tues 3 Y5 Open Morning

CNPS Y5 Bake Off

New Y12 Induction

Y10 Drama practical exam

Wed 4 Alternative Curriculum Day

Y12 Futures Programme

Thurs 5 Y12 Futures Programme

Dance Jam 7:00 pm

Fri 6 Y12 Futures Programme

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Mon 9 German exchange return

Y10 Target-Setting Interviews

Y10 Work Experience Debrief

Tues 10 Y10 Target-Setting Interviews

Y10 CNPS Drama Workshops

Wed 11 Y10 CNPS Drama Workshops

Summer Soiree 7:00 pm

Thurs 12 Y9 Medicine & Materials Day

CNPS Y5 Drama Workshops

Fri 13 Sports Day

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Fri 20 END TERM: Early closure at

12:25: Buses at 12:40pm

Thurs 16 August A Level Exam Results

Thurs 23 August GCSE Exam Results