Sixth Form NEWS

November 2026

Message from the Head of Sixth Form

My sincere apologies for the delay in producing this newsletter. It seems that I was the only person in the world still using Publisher and the programme was decomissioned, leaving me without a platform from which to create this document. Thanks to the amazing Mr. Hiscock and Adobe In design, we are now up and running again!

Ms. Conway-Hughes

Dates for your Diary

27th Nov**, Richard Quigley MP visit**, Year 12 Enrichment
3rd Dec, **Investement Panel, Young Chamber**, Year 12 Team
4th Dec, **Bodyworlds Exhibition**, Science Trip
5th Dec, **The Court Competition**, Year 12 Team
10Th Dec, **Christmas Jumper Day**
11th Dec, **Year 12 Data Reports** go live
11th Dec, **Solent University Sociology & Psychology Mini Lectures**, Social Scientists
16th Dec, **EPQ Trip to Southampton University**, Year 12 EPQ cohort
18th Dec, **Last day of Term**



Reflection

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

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Our Student Leaders

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HIGHLY COMMENDED

NEWS

Our reading mentors: **Evie Taylor, Kira Early , Harry Clough, Maddie Cox, Chloe McConnell, Adanna Ukwuoma , Lucy Foot, Sophia O'Reily , Viktoriia Shysh, Tahlia Shahrivar, Cerys Goulding, Nell Haywood,**
Milo Pike, Beau Kennedy-Mills and Isabel Thomas - thank you for the difference you're making to youngt students with their reading.

Congratulations to **Evie Taylor** for achieving a Distinction in her Grade 8 Singing Exam.

Congratulations to **Adanna Ukwuom**a for achieving a place on the Academic Achievement Programme (2026-2028) at Lucy Cavendish College in the University of Cambridge. We hppe that it will be useful and inspiring Adanna, very well done.

Many congratulations to our early UCAS applicants who participated in their Mock Interviews at Ryde School on the 09th of November: **Vincent Vaughan, Selena Angelini, Amber Cousins, Christina Rinson, Allhana Gavino and Oliver Simpkins**.

Thank you to **Analiese Welsh** for supporting the Key Stage 3 Anti-Bullying Disco - more than £900 was raised.

Well done to Mrs Foster and her Form for their donations to the Christmas Appeal (£60 total) and thank you to **Noah Girling and Anthony Fuoss** for doing the shopping!



Can You Hear us?

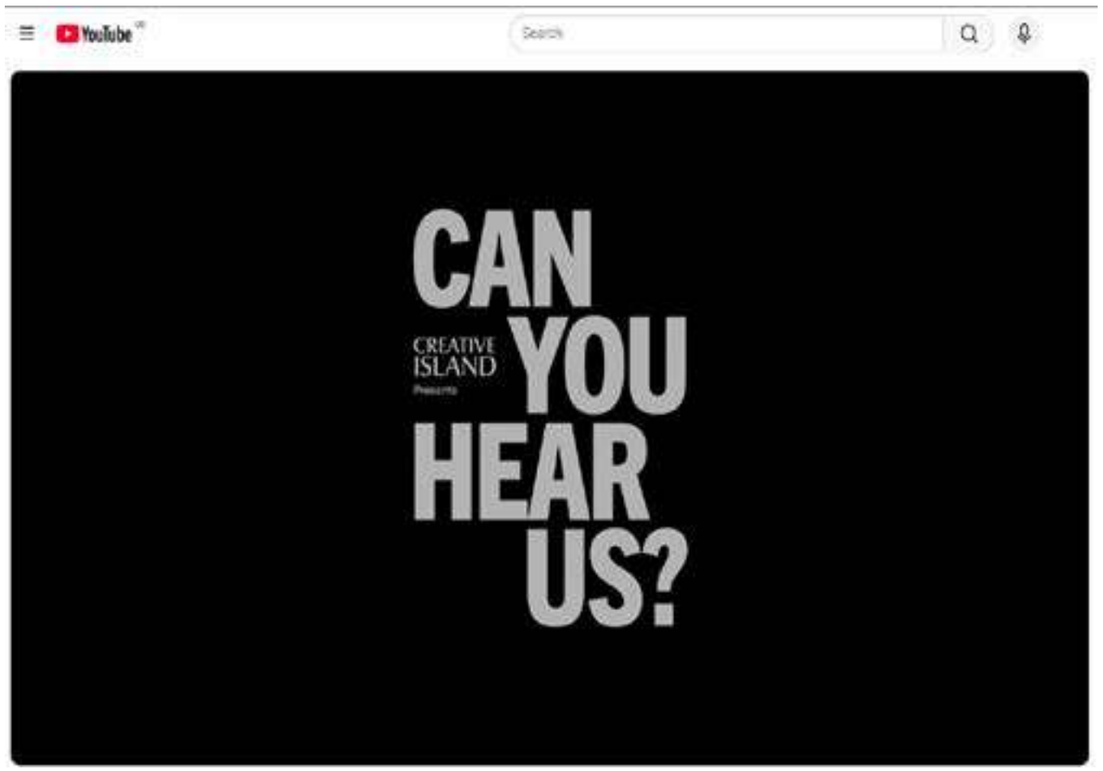
What does the Island's future look like for its young people? Six form students from Christ the King College are concerned about educational results, employment prospects and a wider lack of opportunity for their generation.

In this film, co-created with professional filmmakers from NOSY Creative Agency, they shared their research and put questions to leading decision-makers, including Richard Quigley MP and Isle of Wight Council Leader Jonathan Bacon.

Their slick documentary makes the case for young people to have a louder voice in policy-making on the Island.

Of those who responded to our questions: 86% said their felt more confident as a result of taking part in the project; 100% felt pride in what they had achieved and 86% felt their views and opinions had been listened to.

This film was created for the 'Listen Up!' film festival, an Artswork Young Cultural Changemakers programme, and formed part of Creative Island's CAN YOU HEAR US? - a six-week celebration of creativity and culture across the Isle of Wight, that ran from 11 September to 24 October 2026.



Notices

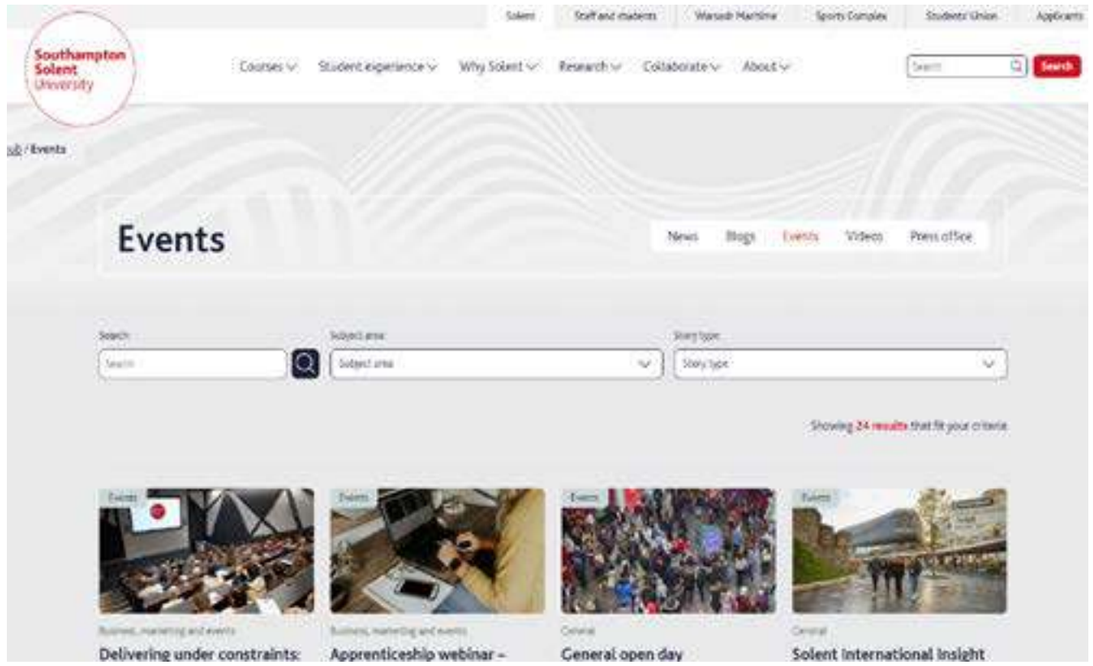
If you are struggling to access your education because of finincial restraints - please apply for our bursary fund.







Insight sessions



Session:	Date:	Summary
Solent Insight Series: Your University Journey Starts Here	Monday 19 October - 5:30pm - 6:30pm	An introduction to university and the Solent Insight Series, providing a broad overview of what to expect throughout the university application year, including key stages, deadlines and next steps.
Halloween Special: Application Horrors - Don't Let UCAS Haunt You	Monday 26 October - 5:30pm - 6:30pm	A Halloween-themed guide to the UCAS application process, covering how to complete your application, write your personal statement, understand key deadlines and avoid common mistakes.
Money matters: Finance, living costs and budgeting	Monday 2 November - 5:30pm - 6:30pm **REPEATS:** Monday 1 February - 5:30pm - 6:30pm	A practical guide to managing money at university, covering student finance, tuition fees, living costs, financial support and budgeting tips to help students prepare.
Christmas Special: The 12 Days of Uni - Everything You Need to Know	Monday 7 December - 5:30pm - 6:30pm	A festive countdown exploring 12 aspects of university life, from campus facilities and accommodation to student experiences, support services and exciting opportunities.
UCAS Unlocked: It's Not Too Late to Apply	Monday 18 January - 5:30pm - 6:30pm	A practical guide for students applying to university later in the cycle, covering the UCAS application process, key deadlines, available options and advice on getting an application ready.
Valentine's Special: Finding Your Perfect Uni Match	Monday 8 February - 5:30pm - 6:30pm	A Valentine's-themed guide to finding the right university, exploring how to compare courses, campus facilities, accommodation, location and student life to make an informed choice.

Young Chamber

Year 12 students taking part in the Young Chamber business enterprise competition had the opportunity to hear from a range of local business experts in a skills panel event at Quay Arts today.
Students from all island schools and colleges hear from experts in marketing, operations, finance, sales and HR. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and home their business ideas.
The team will be working hard over the coming weeks in preparation for a Dragons Den style investment panel on the 3rd December and a retail event at Quarry Abbey on 12th December. The programme is designed to give students an opportunity to set up and run a business alongside a local business mentor. We would like to thank Guy Wells of AJ Wells and Sons for offering to support CTK again this year.
Good luck to **Richard Akinsanya, Hannalynn Coffie, Faith Mazambara, Joey Pearmain, Zie Sidambe, Analiese Welsh and George Willey** who are all involved.





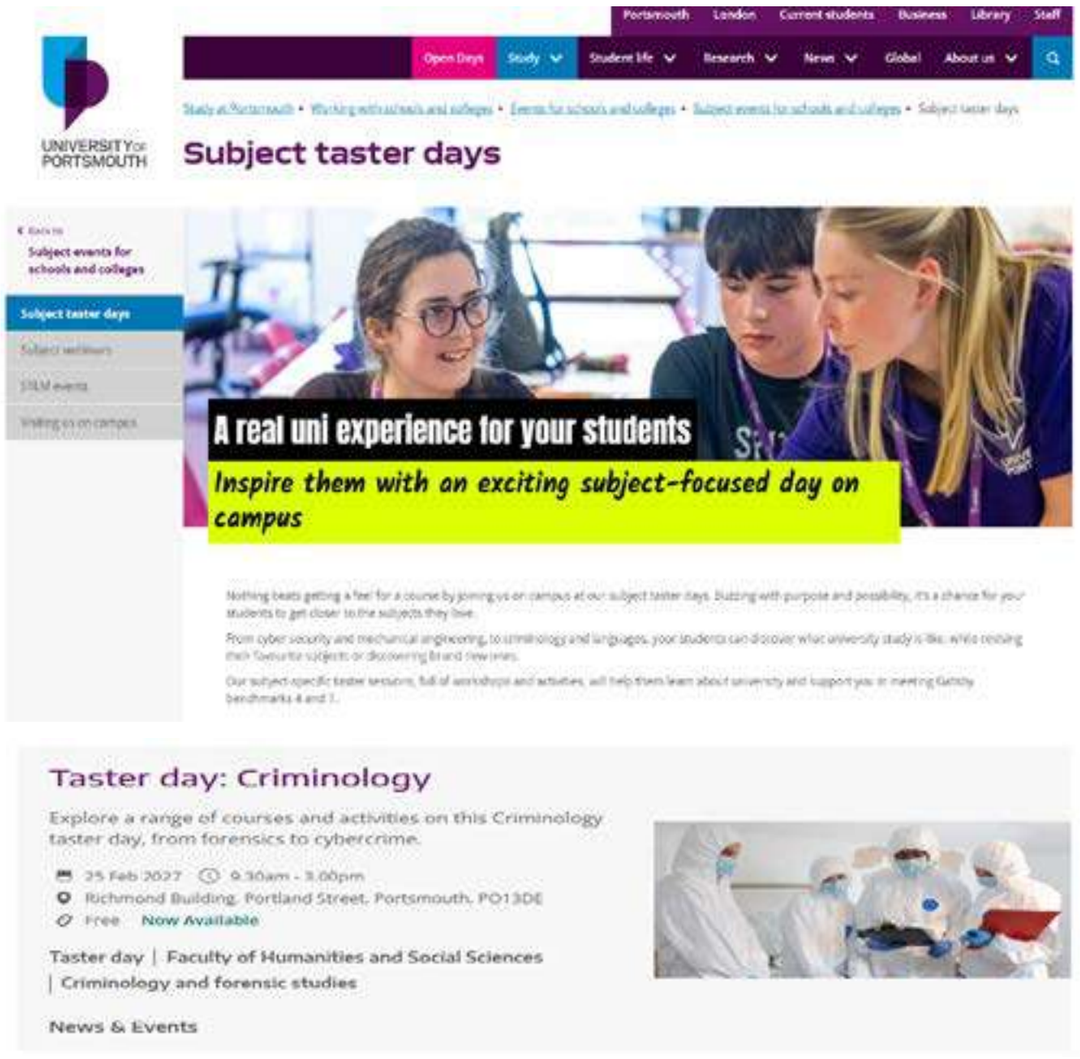
Criminology Taster

The University of Portsmouth School of Criminology and Criminal Justice are planning 2 year 12 criminology taster days - 25th February confirmed and 8th June TBC. Once bookings are open, they will be advertised on Subject taster days | University of Portsmouth.

The university is also running a criminology webinar on 11th November - Webinar: So you want a career in Criminology, Forensics, Policing or Cybercrime? | University of Portsmouth

There are plans too for a IOW mini-festival of crime. There are no dates yet.

Regarding the policing foundation degree, it looks likely that those particular plans have changed. What is on offer now thiugh is a distance learning degree:



NHS Careers

We are helping people grow
Your students will receive world-class training, combining rigorous academic learning with practical placements across diverse healthcare settings. Upon graduation, they'll embark on a fulfilling career where they can genuinely transform people's lives.

There's more good news. Students in England could receive at least £5,000 annually to support their studies – money they'll never need to repay.
Depending on their chosen degree, they may also be entitled to additional funding. For example, learning disability nursing, podiatry or prosthetics and orthotics all receive an additional £1,000.



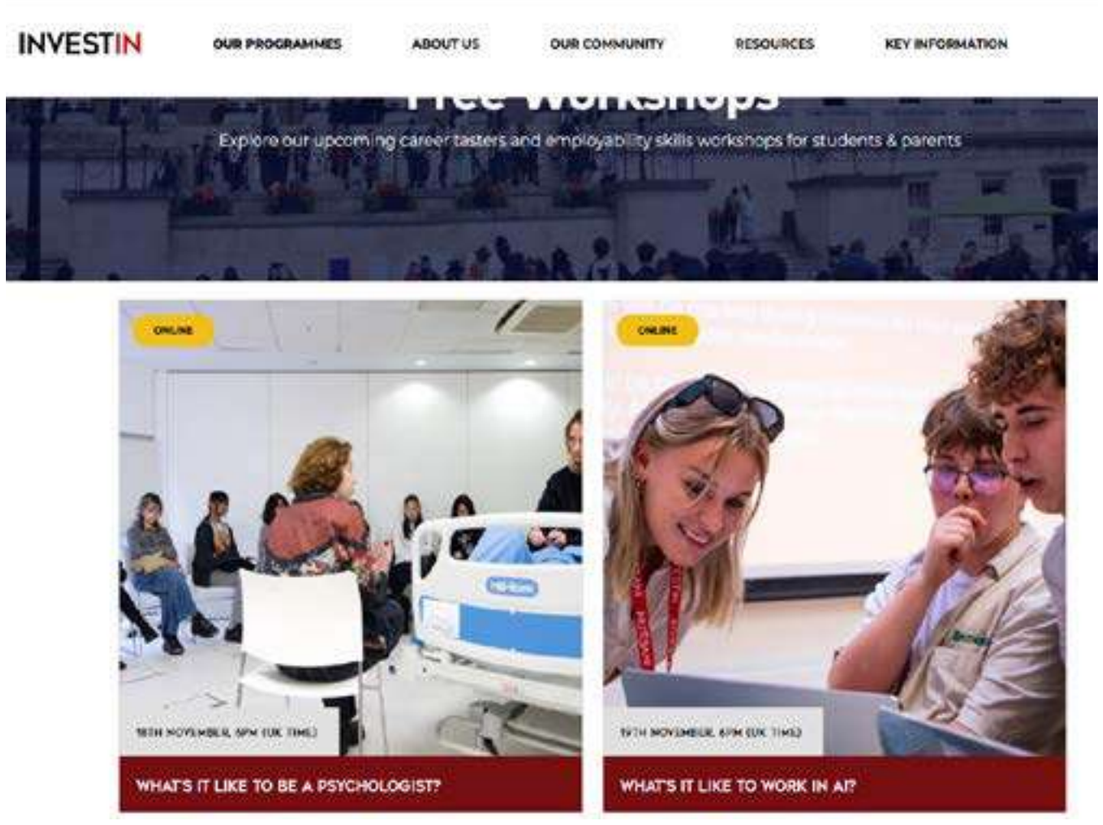
InvestIn

We are pleased to announce that the speakers for our free career tasters (starting next week) have now been confirmed! Each speaker will be leading one of our six free, interactive workshops, giving students insight into day-to-day life in their role and answering their questions.

Please share this information with your students and their parents by forwarding this email, sharing the example text or sharing this poster.

Students will receive a certificate for attending any of these workshops.

If they cannot attend live, they can still register to receive the recording.



GKN Apprenticeships

A GKN Aerospace apprenticeship blends hands-on skills with classroom learning, supported by expert trainers and partner colleges. We're looking for curious, passionate people who want to make a difference - explore our apprenticeships and start your career in engineering

Apprentices	Level 3 GKN Aerospace Apprenticeship	Bristol, GB
Apprentices	Business Functional Apprentice	East Cowes, GB
Apprentices	Engineering Technician Apprentice	East Cowes, GB
Apprentices	Aircraft Fitter (Operations) Apprentice	East Cowes, GB



Cowes

Advanced Operations (Craft) | Procurement | Advanced Technical | Facilities & Maintenance | Supply Chain Management

Christmas Appeal



Form competition

Rewards will be given at the end of term.
All Foodbank and Toy Appeal items are due in by Thursday 3rd December.
Please ensure your form tutor or student support has registered your item(s) to count.
*Work together as a form group - all bring in a **donation of £1.00** and buy a toy together!*

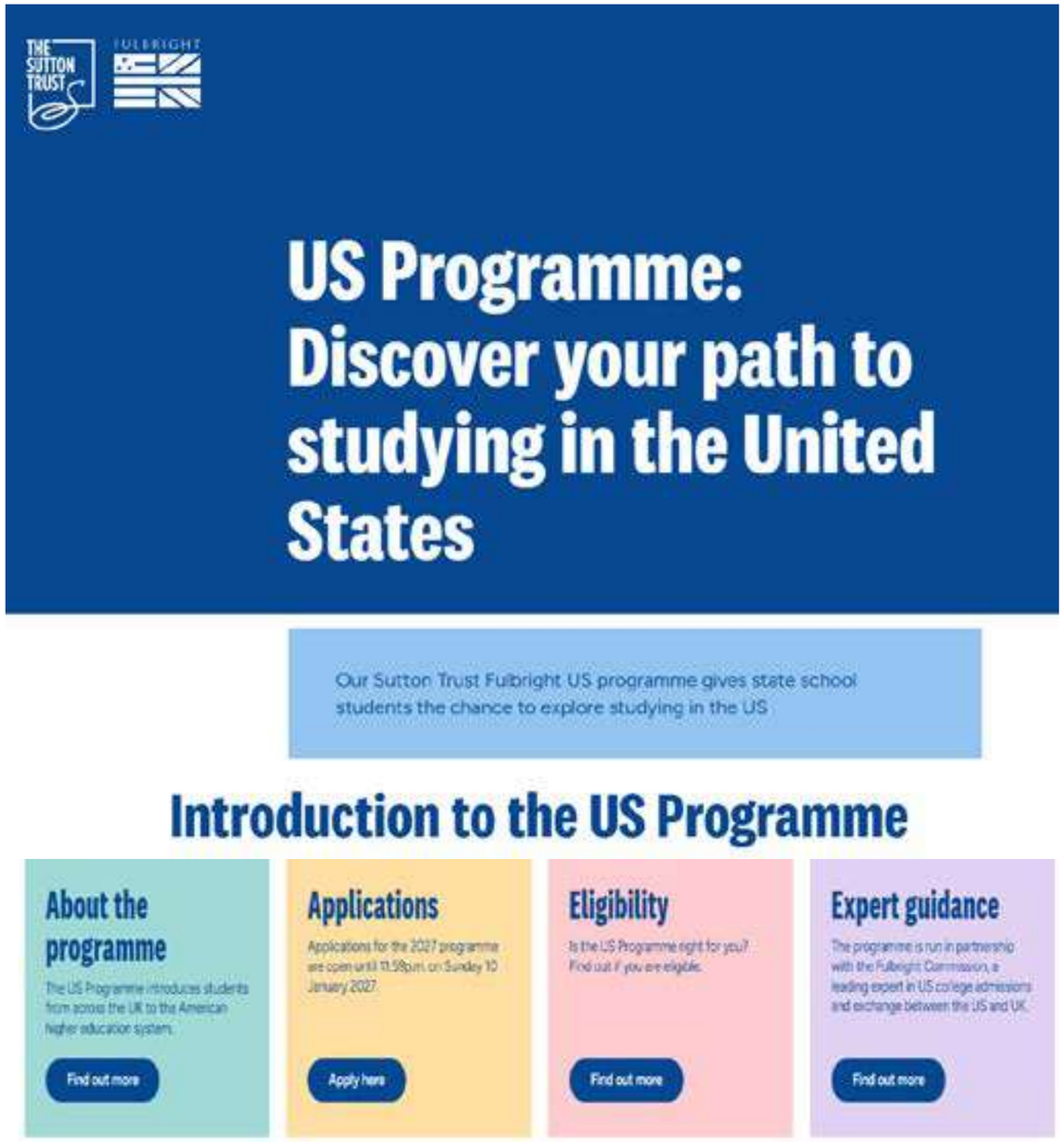




Isle of Wight foodbank

House points will also be issued for those handing items in.

US Programme



When is the deadline for students to apply?

The application form will close at 23.59 on Sunday 10th January. However, we strongly advise they get started earlier, as the application form requires some thinking! Students must nominate someone at their school to fill out a reference alongside their application. School references are due by 23:59 on Wednesday 13th January.

Solicitor apprenticeship

Registrations are open for the 2026-27 edition of Legal Cheek's flagship virtual event series for Year 12 and 13 students (sixth formers) considering the solicitor apprenticeship route, in partnership with 24 leading law firms and The University of Law.

Register to attend. Just one registration is needed for both events.

It kicks off on **Thursday 26 November 2026 (4:30pm to 6pm)** with a solicitor apprenticeship application masterclass delivered by 12 leading law firms' early careers teams covering the following topics: 'Researching firms and building commercial awareness', 'Writing a winning application' and 'Looking ahead to assessment centres'. This will be followed by a virtual law fair with the firms.

