

## IRIS Textbook Newsletter

June 2022



Just like that, the last half-term break of the academic year is complete, and we have arrived at the final hurdle! We hope you enjoyed a well-earned rest over the half-term week.

So, what has the remainder of the year got in store for the education sector? Read on to find out about:

- Our latest product updates and releases
- A new school of thought for mental health in education
- Post-resignation deadline recruitment advice
- Our recent and upcoming webinars
- Partner updates

We look forward to supporting you in making the final half-term a smarter one.

All the best,

**Simon Freeman** | Managing Director  
IRIS Education

### A game changer for trust-wide reporting



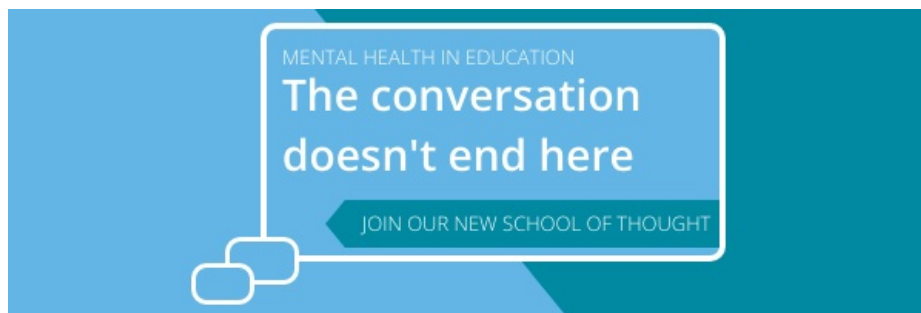
Wouldn't it be nice if there was a faster, easier way to consolidate data across all academies within your trust? Well... there is!

The newest addition to our IRIS Education suite, IRIS Central unlocks a centralised view of data to empower trust leaders to spot trends more easily, make timely interventions, and support growth initiatives.

MIS agnostic, IRIS Central combines data from multiple sites into rich and insightful dashboards to enable fast, impactful decision making to support your growth and improve student outcomes.

Want to know more, but missed our recent webinar? Register to receive a recording of the session directly to your inbox and catch up at a time more convenient to you.

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### Continuing a new School of Thought

Last month, we began our series of School of Thought webinars dedicated to transforming the way that the education sector manages mental health and emotional wellbeing. So far, the series has included special guest speakers from Imagine Health, BBC Children in Need and Place2Be. Some excellent, insightful discussions have already taken place, and you can [catch up with them on demand now](#).

This month, we welcome our very own customers to continue the discussion with 'Promoting and maintaining a healthy education workforce'. We will be rethinking wellbeing from a staff perspective to support trust, school and team leaders in building a well-motivated, emotionally healthy team.

Our wellbeing in education campaign is ongoing, and we will be hosting further webinar sessions at various points in the academic year. If you would like to share your story as part of the next series, please get in touch with us today.

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### Effective recruitment in schools and MATs

Currently, there is competition aplenty to hire in the academic sector. Nationwide teacher shortages are increasing pressure on recruitment teams to attract and [retain talent](#) for their school or MAT. Marrying effective internal recruitment activities with external appeal is imperative to reducing your school/trust's number of vacancies.

Read our top tips to find out how you can ensure your recruitment cycle is working with you, rather than against you.

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### Is there a school business leader you want to recognise?

School Business Services (SBS) have founded National School Business Leaders' Day to recognise and celebrate the incredible contribution that School Business Leaders make to their schools and the wider community. So, what does this involve?

Celebrations in the run-up to and during Friday 10th June 2022 will include a celebratory event involving special guest speakers, the opportunity to give and receive kudos to your chosen SBL, the chance to take part in partner competitions and receive goodie bags.

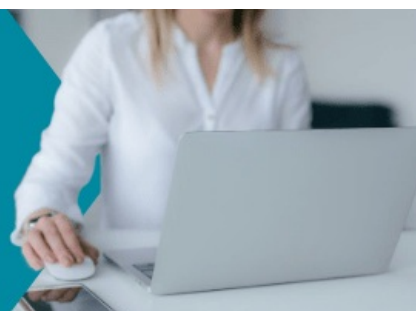
Find out more and take part in National SBL Day this month by

registering your interest today.

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## Consolidate your payments with IRIS Cashless Portal

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### Introducing the all-new Cashless Portal

Introducing IRIS Cashless Portal. This new addition to our software portfolio provides an end-to-end, cloud-based solution that makes school payments simple. Integrating directly with our ParentMail and PlusPay systems, IRIS Cashless Portal consolidates all your incoming and outgoing payments into one seamless, accessible system.

Join our product experts on Wednesday 6th July, 3:30pm to see IRIS Cashless Portal in action and learn more about its ability to manage regular payments and support your school budget.

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## Dates for your diary

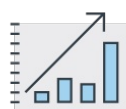
### 9th June 2022, 3:30pm | There's a smarter way: Switching to a cloud-based MIS



Does your MIS application support leaders to lead effectively, teachers to teach to the best of their ability, and students to fulfil their unique potential for success? If the answer is no, then it's time to harness the power of real-time data; time to send communications instantly across the whole school or trust community; time to get the best possible outcome for every student. Join us to find out more about the capabilities of switching MIS on 9th June, 3:30pm.

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### 14th June, 12:30pm | Levelling up Education: Finance update 2022



The DfE has recently announced upcoming changes to their Chart of Accounts, set to take effect in September – October 2022. So how can you level up your strategies to drive efficiencies in processing your financial returns? We'll reveal all at the Convenzis Levelling up Education virtual event.

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### 16th – 17th June | CST Annual Conference 2022

Our very own Tom Kershaw and Nic Clark will be leading a workshop on 'The Power of Analytics: Supporting your Trust Growth' at this year's CST Annual



Conference. Will you be there? Find out more about our upcoming talk ahead of the conference.

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## Official Data, Analysis and Reporting partner



### Expanding our partnerships for positive educational change

We are excited to share that we have recently partnered with the Multi-Academy Trust Association (MATA) as their official data, analysis and reporting partner. Members of MATA gain free, exclusive access to forums, anonymous Q+As for essential feedback and guidance, events, the latest trust news and simple policy guides. MATA is the only free association available to help you ensure your budgets are used towards children's education, school improvement and financial wellbeing.

Find out more about MATA and secure your free membership today.

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Supporting your students through periods of uncertainty



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Helping teachers become the best version of themselves



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### Navigating the stormy waters of exam season

The return of exams coupled with an increase in student anxiety rates may make the season more difficult to navigate. With more teachers reporting that their students are suffering from elevated levels of anxiety in the run-up to GCSEs and A-Levels than ever before, it's important to consider new strategies to promote and maintain positive wellbeing.

So, how can you support your students through this period? Our very own Education Market Specialist, Tom Kershaw, explores

### Connecting teachers with technology

The skills and expertise teachers have gained during the pandemic are extensive, but we need to maintain the momentum. Now it's time to turn the focus on adopting and developing EdTech that supports staff and helps them become the best versions of themselves.

Providing modern technology will retain teachers for years to come as it will make their jobs easier and create more efficient working conditions.

nine ways you can help in his new blog.

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Hear how you can do this straight from our Managing Director, Simon Freeman, in TechNative.

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