



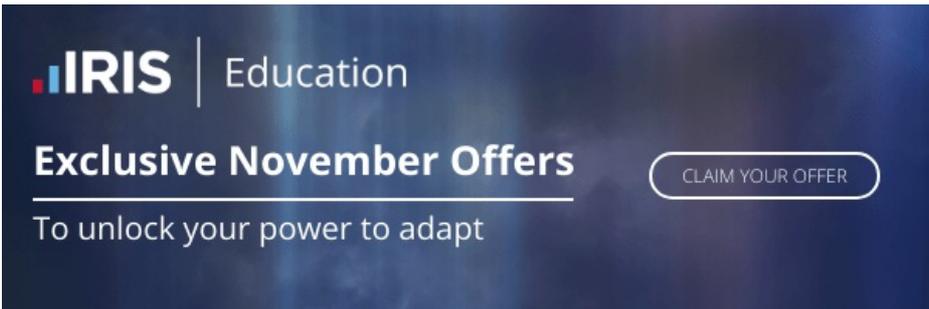
We've reached the final stretch of the year. The clocks have gone back; the nights are drawing in; and you're no doubt preparing for seasonal festivities.

There's no denying that times are tough right now. And while we can't solve everything, we're committed to supporting our customers now and in the future. Value-adding and efficiency-finding are top of your agenda, which is why they're top of ours.

This month, we are running a series of offers to make investments in technology more accessible. We've also added functionality to our trust-wide reporting software, IRIS Central, to continue to drive efficiencies across trusts. And, IRIS PlusPay now facilitates charitable contributions to support cost-free online donations to BBC Children in Need and NSPCC.

Read on to find out more.

All the best,  
Simon Freeman | Education Managing Director, IRIS Software Group



**Select your November offer**

We are delighted to offer several exclusive offers to IRIS Education customers this month.

From half price IRIS Financials training and implementation days, to 50% off a bundle of 20,000 SMS credits, we have offers to unlock your power to adapt in the face of uncertainty.

To speak to a member of the team and claim your chosen offer, get in touch below.



\*Terms and conditions apply. See webpage for further details.



## Transaction fee free donations to Children in Need

You can now make donations direct to BBC Children in Need via IRIS PlusPay.

Any organisations taking part in Children in Need Day this Friday can collect and pay donations, all within their school portal.

To set this up in IRIS PlusPay, head to Settings > Partners > BBC Children in Need. Once activated, you may **set up the relevant payment item**, free of any transaction fees.

Have a SPOTacular day fundraising!

[Visit help centre](#)

## Bridging the disadvantage gap

Despite decades of policy focus, its effects are still felt in and out of the classroom. And the cost-of-living crisis presents an even greater risk for our more disadvantaged pupils.

On Wednesday 23rd November, 4:30pm, we are joined by Deputy Headteacher Sarah Tai and School Effectiveness Advisor Vicky Matthews to share their strategies on mitigating impact on their pupils' progression.

Join the conversation online next week.

[Save your virtual seat](#)



### Unlock the power of parent engagement

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting hard.

And it's more important than ever to communicate effectively with parents.

We'll be hosting a series of short webinars to help you **Unlock the Power** of an engaged school community.

Join us online between 29th November – 2nd December to discover our full engagement suite, with seven snappy sessions (no longer than 30 minutes) to choose from.

[Book your sessions](#)



Winners of 'Tech Company of the Year'



What's new in IRIS Central?

We are over the moon to announce that IRIS Software Group won 'Tech Company of the Year' at the UK Tech Awards this month.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our customers and partners for your support.

We are incredibly proud that our software continues to empower education staff to improve outcomes for pupils.

[Read more](#)

It's tougher than ever to run a multi-academy trust right now.

Unfunded pay rises; hikes in energy costs; and sector-wide recruitment challenges are combining to make balancing core priorities infinitely harder.

In response, we have added functionality to our trust-wide data reporting software, IRIS Central.

Watch our latest webinar on-demand to find out more.

[Watch now](#)



**Number Day 2023**  
Join schools and nurseries across the UK on Friday 3 February 2023 for a mega maths fundraising day.

[Sign up](#)

### It's maths, but not as you know it...

Take part in Dress up for Digits and have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support NSPCC services on Number Day 2023.

Once registered, you'll receive everything you need to make your event a success.

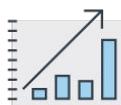
Your school's donations can be collected and paid directly to NSPCC via IRIS PlusPay, free of any transaction fees!

Find out more and sign up ahead of Number Day on Friday 3 February 2023.

[Find out more](#)

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## Dates for your diary



### Wednesday 16th November, 4:00pm | Turbocharge your School's Financial Management

In the current climate it's imperative that your financial management system is a help, not a hindrance.

Join our webinar to learn more about IRIS Financials School Edition, a cloud-based FMS designed to meet the needs of local authority schools - and evolve as things change.

[Register](#)

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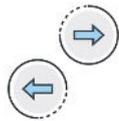
**Wednesday 23rd November, 4:30pm | Minding the Attainment Gap During the Cost-of-Living Crisis**



Hear from your peers on how they are effectively allocating Pupil Premium funding and engaging in free and low-cost activities to mitigate the cost-of-living crisis' impact on your pupils.

[Register](#)

**Thursday 24th November or Tuesday 6th December, 3:00pm | Automating your Accounts Return**



Compiling and submitting your accounts return can be a painful, long-winded process.

Join us for an IRIS Financials workshop with the DfE, where we'll show how easy it is to automate your accounts return – and how much time it can save.

[Register](#)

**Tuesday 28th November – Friday 2nd December | Unlock the power of parent engagement series**



We'll be hosting a series of seven snappy sessions to help you **Unlock the Power** of an engaged school community. Book your sessions to join us online.

[Register](#)

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