

Your monthly **Textbook**



Welcome to your February newsletter

Firstly, we are thankful that the support of our customers has enabled us to get shortlisted as finalists in not one, but TWO upcoming award ceremonies. The Bett Awards and The National MAT Awards celebrate outstanding achievement in the education sector and we are proud to be nominated in their 'Company of the Year' categories.

This issue is full of hints and tips for a successful spring 2; from advice on improving financial processes to getting involved with the government's Turing Scheme. We're sharing parents' evening best practice from Ysgol Nantgwyn and guidance on keeping parental payments simple.

There's also details of our new podcast with TES, exploring the transformative effect of real-time data, and featuring our senior product director, Winston Poyton. Be sure to give it a listen.

All the best,

Simon Freeman
Education Managing Director | IRIS Education

Make the most of your time



Finding the time to review and improve processes is a luxury many schools and MATs simply don't have.

That's why we've created our brand-new webinar series, designed to help you make the most of your precious time by improving core financial processes.

From simplifying procurement to transforming invoice management and

streamlining trust expenses, the series began this week and offers practical ways to reduce admin, improve accuracy, and save countless hours.

[Find out more](#)

Monthly Roundup



Could real-time data transform our schools?

Looking for a new podcast to get your teeth into? Look no further. TES' new podcast explores the hot topic of real-time data; its potential impact, how it works in practice, and things to look out for.

Our senior education product director, Winston Poyton, joins the debate as guest speaker – offering insightful commentary on the powerful impact real-time behaviour data can have on young people, while warning against tech for tech's sake.

[Listen now](#)



Parents' evening CAN work for ALL parents

Managing parents' evening can be a logistical nightmare. Parents calling school offices for appointment reminders, others unable to attend, and attendance rates often leaving a lot to be desired.

Pre-pandemic, this was the status quo for Ysgol Nantgwyn. Fast forward to the present day and, after opting for [IRIS Parents' Evening Manager](#), the school now operates a hybrid parents' evening model that accommodates the needs of every parent, while significantly reducing time and admin effort for staff.

[Find out how](#)



MAT financial sustainability in challenging times

Over the last 18 months, the education sector has seen some of its biggest challenges in decades. And while the financial position of Trusts appears to be ok for now, the future looks very uncertain.

We've invited a panel of education experts to discuss these challenges and suggest strategic action that Trust leaders should prioritise.

Join us online at 12:30pm on Wednesday 1st March for a roundtable discussion which could help your trust thrive for decades to come.

[Register online](#)



Simple payments, happy parents – watch the webinar

We know from our survey of 70,000+ parents that simplicity reigns supreme. Parents want fewer communication channels and they want simple-to-use apps to manage core interactions, like payments.

IRIS PlusPay facilitates simple payments, which makes for happy parents. It also brings a host of other benefits from saved time to increased security.

Catch up with our short webinar to discover how much simpler your payment processes can be with IRIS PlusPay.

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Dates for your Diary



28.02.23

MATPN North Event

[Book your place](#)



23.03.23

The National MAT
Conference

[Visit event](#)



29.03.23

Bett Show 2023

[Get ticket](#)

Company News



IRIS Education is back on the road

We are delighted to let our **IRIS Financials customers** know that we'll be coming to a venue near you this term.

Our Education Roadshows return across February and March to welcome trust leaders for an action-packed day where you'll discover how to unlock the power of a more efficient and effective trust – using your existing IRIS Financials software and more.

We are hosting FIVE more events in London, Stoke, Manchester, Bristol and Oxford. And we'd love to see you there.

**Terms and conditions apply. You must be an existing IRIS Financials customer to attend our IRIS Education Roadshows.*

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