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Dear Parent/Carer

Institute for Research in Schools IRIS Conference 2026 - Tuesday 16 June 2026.

Your son has been involved in a group independent research project this year. The culmination of this is the opportunity to present findings at the IRIS Conference 2026.

IRIS Conferences provide students with an opportunity to share their research with other students and the wider scientific community, including scientists and researchers from academic institutions and industry. They are a fantastic opportunity for students to network and experience what real science and research is like.

Over 3,000 students, teachers, researchers and members of the wider STEM community have participated in the conferences since 2018.

All pupils attending must prepare and submit a research poster which they exhibit at the conference as part of an exhibition. Our groups will be sharing their research with over 200 attendees and researchers.

See the draft itinerary below:

Provisional timetable for the day

10.00 – 10.30 Arrival and registration

10.30 – 10.45 Welcome

10.45 – 11.15 Student research presentations

11.15 – 11.45 Researcher panel discussion

11.45 – 12.15 Poster session one

12.15 – 13.00 Lunch (packed lunch required)

13.00 – 13.30 Student research presentations

13.30 – 14.00 Poster session two

14.00 – 14.30 Keynote speaker

14.30 – 15.00 Closing remarks and evaluation

There is no direct cost for this trip. However, the pupils will be expected to make their own way to Kings House Conference Centre, Sidney Street, Manchester M1 7HB, the morning of Tuesday 16 June 2026 for 9:30am. They will also be expected to bring their lunch.

I and another member of staff will meet them and stay with them throughout the day. The Conference will be finished by 3:15pm when they can make their own way home.

Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website [here](#).

Application process

Please can you now click on this link [Day Trip Application Form](#) and complete the online Consent Form to secure your child's place on the trip.

You will also be required to complete a [permission slip for the Institute for Research in Schools](#). This will be emailed to you at a later date, once places have been allocated.

Deadline for your Day Trip Application Form is by 9am on Friday 1st May 2026, at the latest.

Additional information

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Simone Blaize

Head of Biology

Head of Key Stage 3 Science