



Brentwood School

Co-Curricular Activities Statement

'Developing the whole child'

Our Co-Curricular activities programme seeks to facilitate the personal development of pupils by offering a diverse range of experiences covering culture, the performing arts, sport and outdoor pursuits, helping to embed our school values (Virtue, Learning, Manners) and develop the attributes and skills such that make up our Brentwood Learner Profile. As pupils go through their journey at Brentwood School, their Co-Curricular activities will provide an important balance to their academic studies and prepare them to pursue interests and activities at university and into their working lives once they leave the School.

Activities take place before school, at lunchtimes, after school, on some evenings, Saturdays and occasionally, over the weekend. In addition, the Senior School has four compulsory 'Field Days' for Co-Curricular activities, two in the Michaelmas Term and two in the Trinity Term. Pupils in KS2 in the Prep School have an afternoon dedicated to Academic Enrichment each week and an Enrichment Week each May, designed to complement the children's curriculum learning and develop the Brentwood Learner Profile attributes. Pupils sign up to activities on SOCS at the start of each term (pupils in the Prep School do so with assistance from parents) and are expected to commit to those activities for the duration of the term. If they are unable to attend a scheduled session they should speak to the relevant club leader in advance to request absence (in the Prep School, absence notifications should be sent by the parent to the Club Leader and via the absence form on My School Portal). Details of all activities available can be found in the ACES Brochure (Prep School) or Co-Curricular Booklet (Senior School), with times and dates available to students on their SOCS calendar and parents on the school website.

On a Tuesday p4&5 students in Year 8 upwards in the Senior School have dedicated co-curricular lessons.

- Year 8 students complete a rotation of Outdoor Education activities
- Years 9 - 11 students take part in CCF, VSA or DofE & GO
- Sixth Form students take part in a range of activities, including leading younger students in CCF, VSA or DofE & GO activities.

Year 7 Students have Outdoor Education and Service lessons on Wednesday and Thursday p5.

Some activities will also be organised during the holidays in the form of special trips and residential visits, often taking place abroad. Details are published well in advance as far as possible and may be found on the school calendar and for the Senior School, within the trips schedule sent to parents each term. Further details can also be found in the Trips & Visits Policy available on the School website.

All pupils, throughout the School, are expected to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them and to honour their commitments in such activities as they would their academic lessons. Students are encouraged to reflect on how their involvement in Co-Curricular activities has helped

their personal development and in particular skills such as teamwork, resilience and leadership. Furthermore, students at the Senior School undertake this reflection formally as part of the School's reporting cycle. The School values the commitment of pupils and their parents in embracing their activities and there will be a number of Saturdays free from Co-Curricular activities during the school year which will enable families to fulfil family commitments without clashing with School activities.