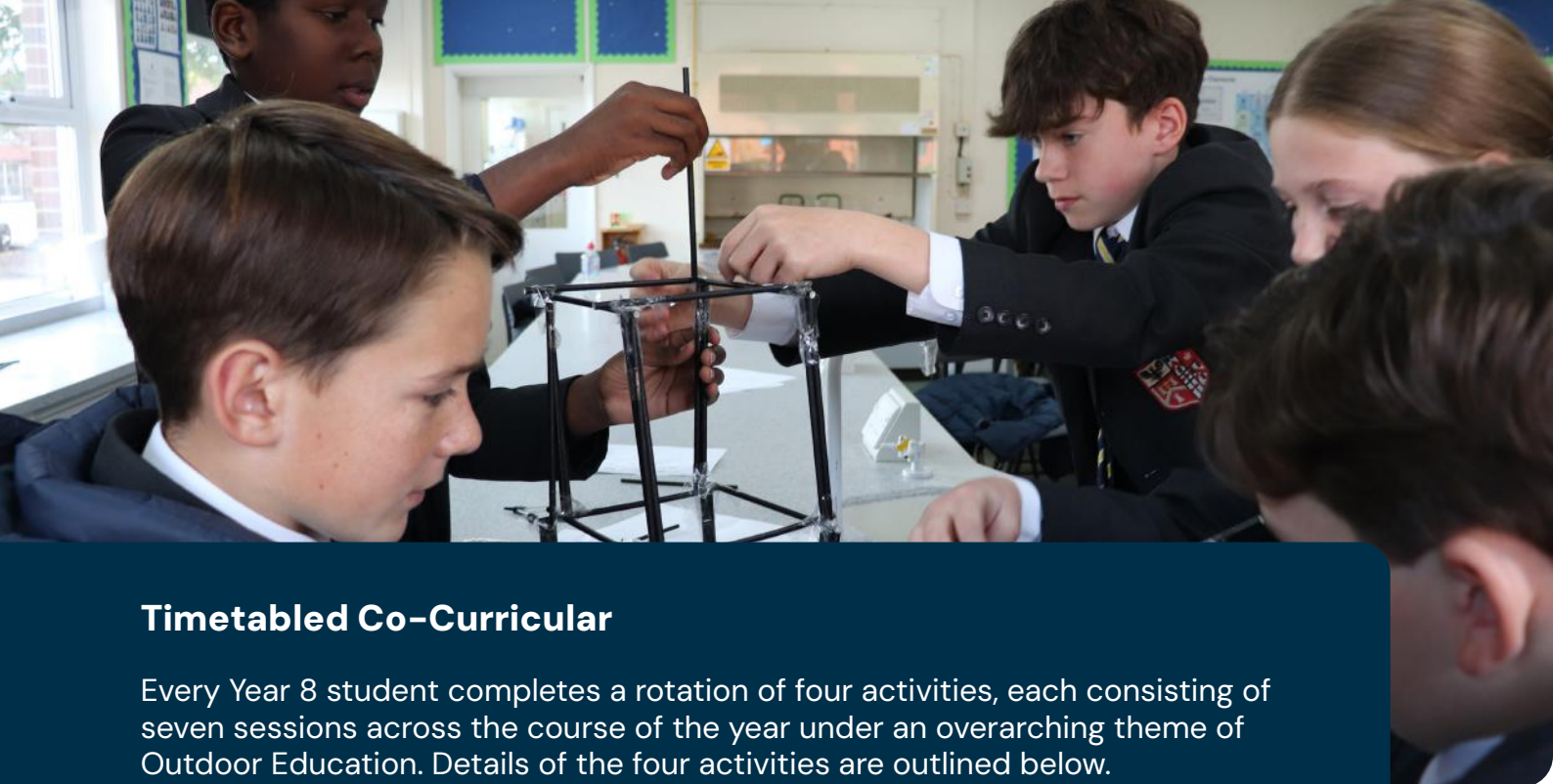




Brentwood School

Year 8

Timetabled Co-curricular
2026-27



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Every Year 8 student completes a rotation of four activities, each consisting of seven sessions across the course of the year under an overarching theme of Outdoor Education. Details of the four activities are outlined below.

Year 8 Eco Activities

The Year 8 Eco Warriors Activity rotation aims to raise awareness of environmental protection and sustainability through hands-on experiences. Students explore the impact of human activity on the natural world by venturing into local green spaces to observe and understand both environmental damage and the measures being taken to reduce the harm. The programme also includes activities where students upcycle old clothes and other waste into functional items, and understanding how recycling systems work. Students will work on creative ways to educate others in their community about sustainable living and environmental responsibility. Throughout the rotation, students focus on hands-on learning and equipping students with the knowledge and motivation to make a lasting difference in their lives.

Outdoor Adventure Thriftwood

During the Year 8 Thriftwood activity rotation students complete a range of Outdoor Adventure Activities building both teamwork, leadership and confidence. All of the activities take place outdoors in the forest at Thriftwood. Examples of activities include Archery, Abseiling, Pedal Cars and 3D Maze.

Gardening

In the gardening rotation, students will care for the raised beds in the newly renovated Newnum garden, using the teaching greenhouses to support planting and propagation. They will decide what to grow, how to support healthy plant development, and when to harvest. The sessions also explore how gardening supports wider ecosystems, including pollinators, insect life, and birds, learning how we can support them at school, and in our own gardens. As food becomes available early on and later in the year, students will harvest and share food with the school community. They will also grow and taste micro greens and work alongside the school's gardeners to help maintain a vibrant, sustainable outdoor space.

STEAM

During the Year 8 STEAM enrichment rotation, students participate in a range of activities based within the contextual theme of 'Colonising Mars'. This provides the students the opportunity to apply their knowledge from a range of subjects in different co curricular activities. Students will partake in engaging and exciting rotations including; building bridges, constructing a water filter, and launching rockets. Students will develop skills in problem-solving, creativity, resilience, leadership and teamwork, whilst simultaneously gaining experience by working within a simulated financial environment.