

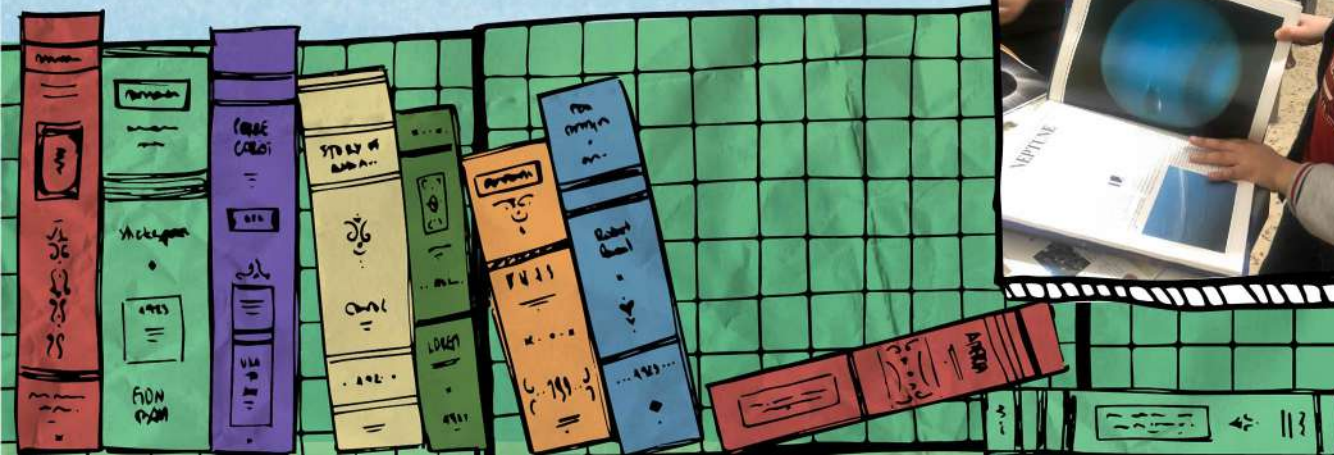


FUTURE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We are excited to have started introductory/taster sessions for a **new girls' class**. All our sessions are open to girls and boys but more than 95% of current students are male. We aim to increase female participation by providing a dedicated girls' class with additional safeguarding measures. As soon as we have secured the necessary funding, we will be able to offer the full range of classes.

OUR LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN for students to use. We are very grateful to the Jephcott Charitable Trust for providing the funds to create this valuable resource. Students are already enjoying choosing books to read.

We are now working on the after school club part of the project; we will be offering all our students the opportunity to attend at least one session a week. The club will provide students with a safe social place where they can read, play, study and participate in art & craft activities or organised group games. In addition, students who miss lessons (for any reason) will be able to attend catch up classes; we will also offer stretch and challenge sessions to students aiming for higher education and provide a nurture group for our most vulnerable students.



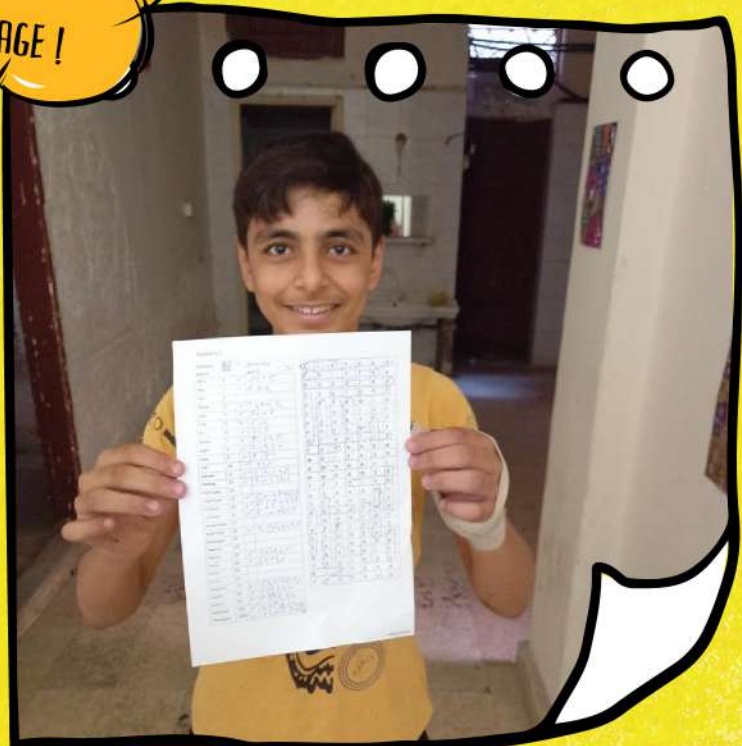
AKRAM'S STORY

Before Future Academy arrived, Akram (left, aged 13) had never been to school. He knew three English words: **hello**, **yes** and **Neymar**. Akram quickly became our keenest student: first to arrive and last to leave, clutching his homework. He loves word searches, writing on the board and homework.

Akram is nearly double the age of some of his classmates but he's not bothered – in fact, the opposite – he's appointed himself as an unofficial mentor for the younger students.

One year later (right, aged 14) he's holding a list of some of the many words he's learnt; he also knows Neymar is a proper noun and doesn't really count as English vocabulary! **Akram is still the first to arrive and the last to leave; he loves school.** Then one Monday, Akram missed his first class ever. He still hadn't returned to class by Friday, so we searched for him. We discovered he'd got a job to help support his family; he was working in a clothes shop seven days a week, so he couldn't come to school anymore. **Sadly this is the reality for some of our children; we can choose to accept it or we can fight. At Future Academy we fight:** before every lesson Chris delivers worksheets and materials to the shop where, in between customers, Akram completes his worksheets and word searches. Akram is a resourceful teenager and is desperate to come to school. Sometimes he is able to take a break or can find someone to cover for him; on these occasions he is now the last to arrive at school (out of breath, because he has run all the way) and first to leave – but still clutching his homework. **Difficult situations require different solutions:** our after school club will become a lifeline to Akram and others like him, as he will be able to continue his education after work.

HELLO, I AM AKRAM
AND I LOVE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

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You can contact us by email at contact@future-academy.net

We are very grateful for all donations, but please consider making a regular monthly donation.

This commitment helps us to maintain and expand our provision to some of the world's most disadvantaged children.

Examples include:


£15 a month will provide a student (like Akram) with two after school club sessions a week, allowing them to continue their education.

£25 a month will enable a team of 10 children to participate in our annual football tournament, The Future Cup. This is currently the only opportunity for refugee children in Beirut to experience competitive football. Players (from at least 5 different refugee camps) receive a full football kit, player's medal, transport and refreshments.

£40 a month will provide one of our students with 5 sessions a week (English, basic numeracy & vocational skills, sport, art & crafts, after school club).

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