

# FUTURE ACADEMY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Our after school club in Burj Barajneh Camp is now operational. Initially we are providing a weekly table tennis club and an art & crafts club, but the provision will develop over time. In addition, students can use the library before school and may stay on after the last class of the day for free play - with access to a range of games and creative pursuits.



Many thanks to **Hutton FC** for their generous donation of pre-loved football boots and kits.

If you have links with a youth football team and can help with donations of similar items, please email us at [Contact@future-academy.net](mailto:Contact@future-academy.net)



We have around 80 children attending our school and football academy in **Burj Barajneh Camp**.

In **Shatila Camp** we continue to provide football coaching to 30 children, with occasional English classes held on the pitch after training.

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# LEBANON : FACTS AND FIGURES

- Lebanon is located on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea; it is bordered by Syria to the north and east and Israel to the south.
- Arabic is the official language of Lebanon, but French and English are also widely used.
- Lebanon has a population of approximately 6.5 million, of whom more than 1.5 million are refugees – the highest proportion of refugees anywhere in the world.
- Roughly 75% of refugees are Syrian, 20% are Palestinian and 5% are other nationalities.
- According to the United Nations Human Rights Council, 88% of Syrian and Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are now living under minimal survival conditions (May 2022)
- More than 40% of school-aged refugees in Lebanon are not enrolled in education.
- Most Palestinians in Lebanon are stateless. They are not entitled to Lebanese citizenship, though most were born in Lebanon and irrespective of how many generations their families have lived in Lebanon. They are not entitled to government services such as health and education; they cannot legally own property and are barred from around 70 professions.
- Lebanon has 12 refugee camps - all established more than 70 years ago. The Lebanese government does not allow the construction of new refugee camps, so existing camps are seriously overcrowded and living conditions are dire.

## FUNDRAISING

You can help us **bring hope and opportunity to some of the world's most disadvantaged children.** Donations can be made in GBP, USD and EUR via our website [www.future-academy.net](http://www.future-academy.net)

We are grateful for all donations and guarantee that **100%** of your gift will be spent directly on charitable activities. Our support costs are minimal (2021: 1.2%) and are paid entirely by trustee donations.

Jane (trustee) is aiming to walk at least 6 million steps (2,500 miles/7 miles a day) in one year, to raise funds for our girls' class. After 9 months, she has spent around 850 hours walking and has completed 5,294,248 steps, with another 705,473 steps to go.

If you would like to sponsor her, please use the link: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18202>

Good luck to James (trustee), Emma, Georgie, Becky & Harriet as they run The Royal Parks' Half Marathon in October to raise funds for Future Academy. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/20404>

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