

# FUTURE ACADEMY



## NEWS

This is an unsettling time for everyone in Lebanon, especially refugees who have previously experienced conflict and forced displacement. There is a fear that the Israel-Hamas war will spread to Lebanon; to date hostilities have largely been confined to the southern border resulting in the displacement of approximately 100,000 people, many of whom have sought safety in the refugee camps further north (including Shatila and Burj Barajneh, where Future Academy operates).



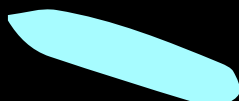
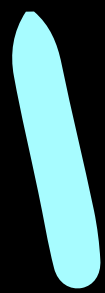
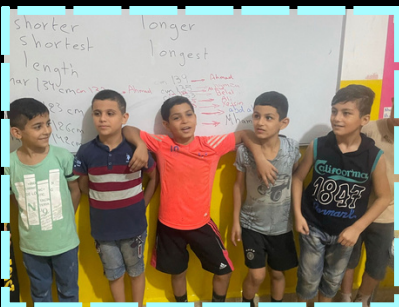
Many of the camps' residents are Syrian refugees from the ongoing civil war and 3rd/4th- generation Palestinians; defined in Lebanese law as foreigners, they have been excluded from key aspects of social, political and economic life and are barred from practising in more than 30 professions,

## BURJ BARAJNEH AND SHATILA



The suffering in Gaza has been graphically documented by news outlets and on social media and many of our students have been profoundly distressed by what they have seen. We support them by maintaining our normal school and football schedules,

encouraging teachers to adapt their teaching to the children's needs, and by providing students with opportunities to express their feelings – verbally, through art and other creative activities or through play.



# CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



“No child should grow up in fear, pain and hunger. Yet today, no child in Gaza is free from fear, pain and hunger. In fact, they will be considered lucky if they can even survive this war and have the chance to grow up. We call for an immediate ceasefire, the delivery of urgent humanitarian aid and the immediate release of all hostages. We also emphasise our grave concern about the situation of children living in the West Bank including East Jerusalem, who are facing arbitrary arrests, extra-judicial killing, and violence committed by occupying forces and settlers.”

**ANN SKELTON, CHAIR OF UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC) - 8 FEBRUARY 2024**

As a charity working with disadvantaged and vulnerable children, we endorse this view; however, there must also be a commitment to find lasting peace, by working towards a two-state solution – otherwise the cycle of violence and despair will continue, robbing thousands of children of a future.

## DONATE FOR A BETTER FUTURE



**Sponsor a Child** - £50/month provides one child with a minimum of 5 sessions a week comprising literacy, numeracy, sport, art and after school club.



**Inspire & Challenge** £25 provides one child with 4 exciting enrichment activities.

**Birthday Bonanza** - £15/month provides a class of 20 students with monthly birthday celebrations including birthday cards, birthday cake and party games.



**Ready to Learn** - £10 provides one student with their own classroom equipment and stationery.