Future Academy – *dedicated to unlocking the potential of refugee children in Beirut*

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Learning & Skills Development: Following the successful *EPIC Youth* pilot, we are now integrating digital skills and mentoring into our core provision which runs all year-round. To mark the start of the school year, students received "back-to-school" stationery packs ensuring they had the basic materials needed to engage fully in their learning.
Enrichment activities: Birthday celebrations; football tournament; photography workshop; visit to the MIM mineral museum; and recreational outings [Wadi al Laimon (Lemon River), Suwa beach & pool, and Horsh Park].
Visitors: Non-profit *Thaki* visited Burj Barajneh to see how their donated laptops are supporting children's learning. We welcomed a film crew from *Fat Hand Production*, who spent four days getting to know our students, conducting interviews and filming a range of activities. The footage will be used to create a sizzle reel to pitch a documentary demonstrating how education, sport and mentoring can combine to create opportunities for talented young refugees.








For the majority of our students, displacement is not a temporary experience but a reality spanning generations. Children grow up in the same camps as their parents and grandparents, facing the continuing effects of poverty, insecurity and limited opportunities. They have inherited the consequences of a displacement they did not choose yet deserve the same opportunities as any other child to learn, develop their talents and shape their own future.




Future Academy, works alongside the refugee community to help children build skills, confidence and a sense of belonging, opening up opportunities for a brighter future. Our integrated programmes are delivered by staff with lived experience of the issues facing our students; they combine foundational learning with sport, creative activities, digital skills and mentoring. In safe, supportive environments, children develop their abilities, build positive relationships and feel valued, helping them recognise their potential and broaden their horizons despite the challenges they face.






Fundraising: This year's *Big Give Christmas Challenge* runs from 1–8 December 2026.
Every donation to Future Academy made through the Big Give portal during the campaign will be match funded, doubling the impact of your generosity. More details coming soon! Thank you for your continued interest & support.

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