



Brummana High School

Lebanon

A QUAKER SCHOOL FOUNDED IN 1873

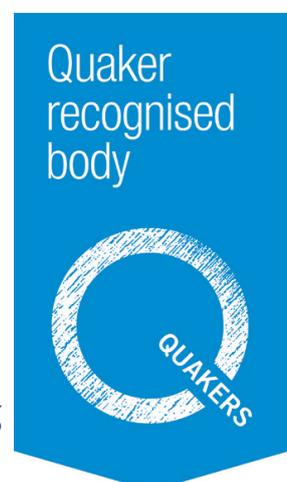


2020-2021 Bursary Appeal

Continuing and deepening difficulties in Lebanon make life for the staff, the pupils and the whole community of Brummana High School, a real and daily challenge.

The Quaker International Educational Trust's (QuIET) responsibilities are twofold. Firstly to support the local Governors of the school; the Principal David Gray and his team; but most importantly the continuing education of the 1,250 children who study there. Secondly we are pledged to uphold the Quaker values upon which the school was founded nearly 150 years ago.

David's letter inside sets out what the problems are and how the school is meeting the challenges. We, as QuIET trustees, invite Quakers everywhere to join us in supporting the school by donating to the 2020-21 Bursary Appeal.



From the Principal David Gray

Dear Friends

I write as Principal of Brummana High School, one of the leading schools in Lebanon in the Middle East and one that caters for about 1,250 students, about 90% of whom are Lebanese with the remainder made up of children from all over the world. We have 48 nationalities in total in the school.

Brummana High School was founded as a Quaker Establishment in 1873 by Theophilus Waldmeier and will soon celebrate, we hope, its 150th anniversary. In a country divided by sectarian differences, Brummana, overlooking Beirut from the heights of Mount Lebanon, has provided an education with its emphasis on individuality, respect for others, tolerance and peaceful resolution, throughout times of difference and conflict in the country.

This year has been particularly difficult for the people of the country. Widespread protests and demonstrations, the overthrow of the government, rampant inflation, ubiquitous deprivation, and uncertainty in all things have served to sow gloom and despondency, but throughout Brummana has remained a pillar of stability, safety and continuity.

Today when unity and leadership are needed more than ever in this small country, as in the rest of the world, the school is facing difficult times. 80% of children in Lebanon have to be educated privately owing to the lack of government schools.





The annual tuition fees are modest by British standards, but for Lebanese parents of few means, they are expensive, and in spite of the school's generous approach to aid (about 50% of children receive financial relief through the school) now many are unable to afford the education which will give their children the opportunity to attend university in Lebanon or elsewhere in the world and as adults make a difference to their country.

With unemployment at 40% in a country which is near bankrupt, with widespread poverty caused by economic gloom and compounded by the Corona Virus situation, we expect a shortfall of up to 50% in fees this year, which will make the school very difficult, if not impossible, to run effectively.

Places at Brummana are in great demand owing to its reputation for providing children from all backgrounds of all faiths and of all economic means with a first-class education. We have no concerns about filling the school; our concerns are directly connected to the ability of the school to fund an education for so many worthy children of such limited means.

Whatever help the Quaker Community can provide to Brummana High School will count in providing hope for a better future to a people caught up in problems not of their own making. Children of Lebanon, hopeful, ambitious, purposeful and determined are the key to the country's happier more peaceful and more successful future. Your contributions can help to turn the key for them.

Please use the contribution form overleaf

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Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account no: 00006239

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