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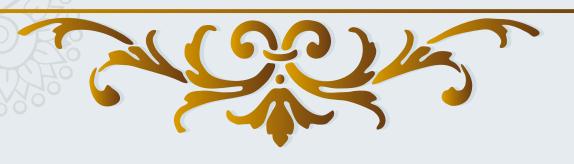
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"There is nothing for man except what he strives for"





Quo Son Ascendam To what Heights can I not rise

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Army Burn Hall College for Boys Quo Non Ascendum

Hallians' Honous Code

I AM A PRACTICING MUSLIM
I AM ALWAYS TRUTHFUL
ITRY TO BE HONEST IN ALL MY DEALINGS
I AM ALWAYS PUNCTUAL
I AM RESPECTFUL AND KIND
I AM PERSISTENT AND HARD WORKING
I AM BOLD AND COURAGEOUS
I AM SELF DISCIPLINED
I HAVE HIGH SELF-IMAGE



Army Burn Hall College



"Strong in Adversary" Syed Ahmad Shaheed House



"Without Fear" Shah Ismail Shaheed House



"Firm in Combat" Sultan Tipu Shaheed House



"Die for Honour" Sher Khan Shaheed House





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Colden Eagle

There are hardly few animals which inspire more awe and fascination than the eagle. Witnessing this powerful bird soaring across the sky is truly a sight to behold. They are powerful and graceful. Fearsome predators, yet surprisingly sharp navigators. Since the beginning of the world, mankind has been fascinated by the eagle. Eagles are found in early cultures and older religions as well as national and military insignias. Ancient Roman armies carried golden eagle banners which represented the honour and strength of the empire. Scandinavian mythology is rife with images of the eagle and it was the most cherished bird of the Mongols. It has been the focus of the poets, logicians and thinkers. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the poet and philosopher of Pakistan has used eagle as a prime symbol in his poetry.

Strength, tenacity, a keen sense of vision, swiftness of flight, intelligence, loyalty and many other celebrated attributes characterize eagles. Owing to the way eagles look and act, they are simply majestic and invincible. They seem to have a look of royalty about them. Another very powerful trait of the eagle is that



they are very bold, courageous and powerful. Eagles have literally been seen engaging with poisonous snakes and tearing their heads off with beaks. They have been seen going right through major storm clouds, where most birds will fly away and hide in safety until the storm is passed. They earn their honour from the storms they endure.

The Eagle was chosen as the insignia of Burn Hall so it may become an inspiration for the young learners to attain the marvelous attributes associated with this feathered friend. Carrying the unparalleled qualities of eagles that glide in the vastness of the sky, not grubbing for worms or scratching for bugs like a pen full of chickens, but soar higher and higher, the Hallians may also live above the level of mediocrity, refusing to let majority shape their standard. It signifies the message of strong will power, resolve to overcome any impediment and scale any height, so they may live up to the College Motto, 'Quo Non Ascendam'.

Eagle - the Emblem is a reminder that Excellence is synonymous with Hallians; these three are like hand in glove, a lasting association- the Hallians, the Excellence, the Eagle.

Pollege Motto

The motto of an institution is the spirit that gives life to every activity planned and passion to each individual involved. Burn Hall, originated with a purpose, blessed with a rich history and honoured with the excellence, truly reflects and lives up to each word of its motto, 'Quo Non Ascendam, To What Heights Can I not Rise'. These three words carry the vastness of the sky and the depth of an ocean; they own the soul of Burn Hall.

The history of the motto can be traced back to France in 17 century. First time the motto "Quo Non Ascendet" appeared on coat's arm of Nicolas Fouquet' the finance Minister of France. The coat arms of Fouquet's family traditionally showed a squirrel and bore the motto as symbol of his rapid ascension, "Is there a position to which he will not rise?" The symbol can be found in many rooms and decorations at Vaux-le-Vicomte.

The impressive monogram with inspirational motto 'Quo Non Ascendam' a Latin phrase, stimulates students' inner capability, their self confidence and ability to do. There is no doubt that Quo Non Ascendam has inspired the Hallians to an extent that for them life is nothing less than excellence and nothing more than soaring like the eagles. The motto is not restricted to the walls of the Campus; it lingers on with the lives blessed to be called Hallians. It is the essence of the poetry of lqbal, the core of life worth living and the spirit behind success in all domains of life. It is faith in the abilities bestowed, a gratitude for being blessed abundantly and passion to prove the worth of human faculties. One may live countless years, yet they live to the fullest that live with Quo Non Ascendam - live like Hallians, achieving the unachievable, having excellence in perpetuity.



Acknowledgments

The idea of publishing the Coffee-Table book was conceived with the solemn desire to dedicate it to the unsung heroes of Burn Hall College to recognize their uncommon loyalty and services. Throughout the process, the entire team had been reviewing the layout, contents and quality of publication. Each page from the first to the last is enriched with the touch of aesthetics and literary taste. Due to the genuine appreciation and incessant encouragement from the readers of the College History Book, the task became joyful and an opportunity to learn for all the members. Sanguine hopes are that restating of the events and occurrences at Burn Hall may raise the spirit of the Hallians, to achieve their goals even more earnestly. May the work be established by the Discerner of the deepest intents of the hearts and may He continue to bless us in all that He leads us to accomplish.

THE EDITORIAL BOARD'S CONTRIBUTIONS ARE PHENOMENAL AND WORTH MENTIONING TO MANAGE THE GIVEN TIMELINES AND FOR QUALITY OF WORK AND PRESENTING THE PUBLICATION WORTH ITS SALT.

Mr. Mansoor Alam played a significant role in interacting with the team, compiling the data and sequencing and arranging the articles and pictures. His team work and personal involvement helped managing the publication of the book, ever first of its kind.

Miss Amira Emmanuel increased the worth of the book with her quality write-ups. Her research work, reach out to the old pals, collecting and compiling information is worth historical value. She has also assisted in editing and final proofreading.

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Mr. Nisar compiled the history of Burn Hall, his write up; 'School of Great Antiquity' is a great effort that would update the readers with the happenings dating back to the origin of Burn Hall School.

Mr. Ahsan Mahmood's contribution is noteworthy as he composed the data, prepared the layout and shaped the book. His ideas have made it presentable and precious.

Last but not the least special thanks to Mr. Tahir and Mr. Asad Zaidi, for the best photography of 'the life at Campus.' Their exceptional skill in capturing the memorable moments has embellished the book making it flamboyant and worth seeing.

It was an amazing experience for all, may almighty unload a truck of blessings on everyone involved and may His Blessings continue on Burn Hall forever!

Dedication

Dedicated to all the humble souls who passionately originated and sponsored Burn Hall School, and who administered, educated, counselled and served in various ways from 1943 to 2019. Time will never erase the work, they have accomplished. The impact they have made will be felt for many generations.

Prelude

An immeasurable gratitude to the Mighty, the Ageless One- Whose purposes, ways and times are higher than our farthest imagination, Whose wondrous gifts to mankind include the shining symbols known as words. May He help us to use their power only for good and to pass on small fragments of His wisdom and truth.

It is not just another publication rather a thoughtful and humble effort - a sincere dedication to the men and women; as pure as the driven snow, who envisioned this remarkable institution and served as God's instruments in bringing Burn Hall to where it is today. The Founding Fathers and Sisters, the Pioneers, the Principals from the Army Education Corps, the Educators, the Caretakers and the Helpers who gave themselves so selflessly and faithfully, those who simply prayed for its glory they all are remembered as without their contribution, Burn Hall could not stand and could not survive. They are the heroes, for whom no song is sung, yet the pages of the book unveil their passion and tell their tales through tears and cheers. They embraced problems as gifts and challenges, as chances to accomplish the sublime aim and never grew weary of casting in, moulding and refining the lives entrusted to them. It is a colourful synopsis of Burn Hall's journey from its glorious past to dynamic present, and how God worked according to His overall plan governed by His love and character for the highest good of all men. It is to acknowledge and reminisce with thankfulness, the many endeavours of the working body of Burn Hall from its inception till now. Each leaf has a message; each face has a story- the story of Burn Hall, the story of love for furtherance of its vision and mission. It will usher the readers to the heart of Burn Hall, to its life and its soul. It will also provide a chance to reflect on what has been accomplished and what we may do to inspire and enrich the lives of the students and to elevate its stature and repute as life gives us chance in the years to come.

Wision

Army Burn Hall Institutions will have classic Public School orientation that will provide high quality and affordable education with emphasis upon personality development.

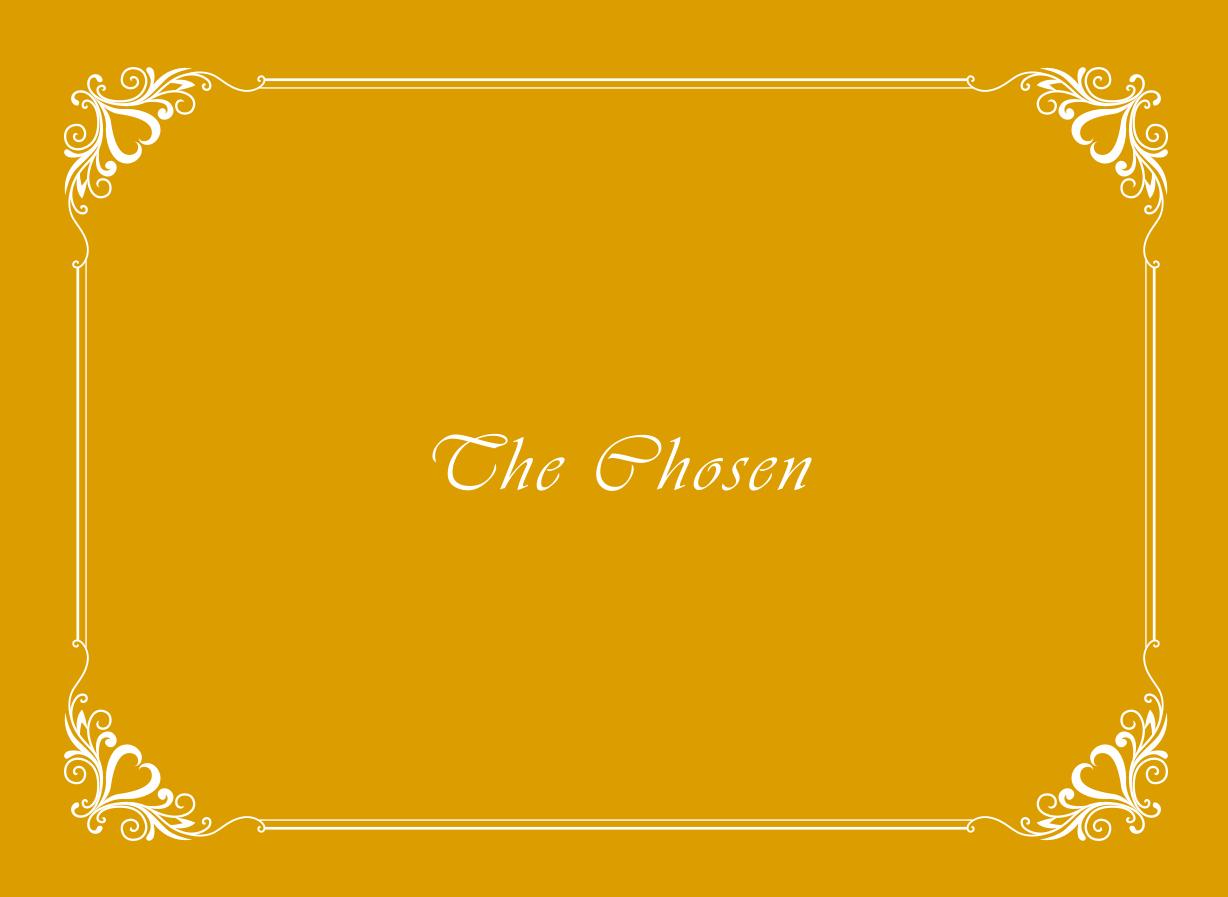




Mission

To function as a residential cum Day Scholars institution, pursuing multi-dimensional programs, to ensure wholesome development of students' personality with emphasis on academic excellence, character building, self discipline and coextra-curricular pursuits.





Ratrons in Chief



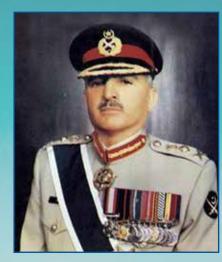
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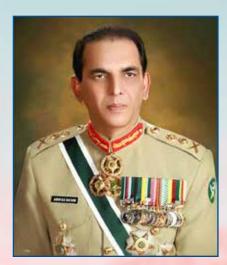
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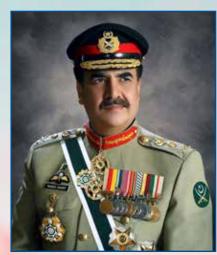
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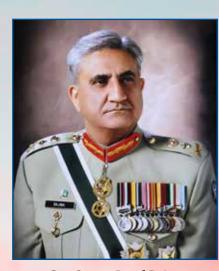
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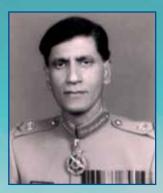
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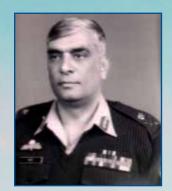
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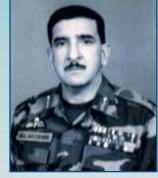
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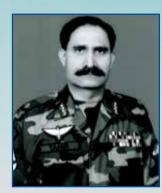
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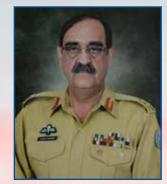
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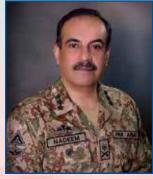
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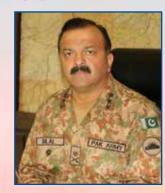
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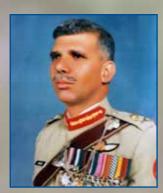
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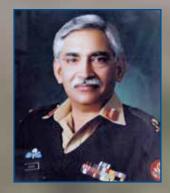
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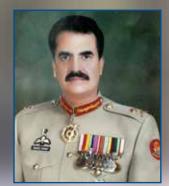
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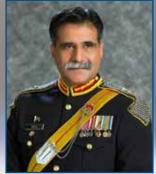
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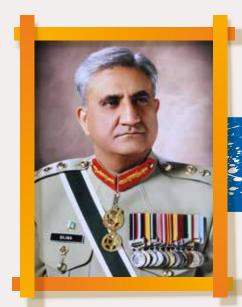


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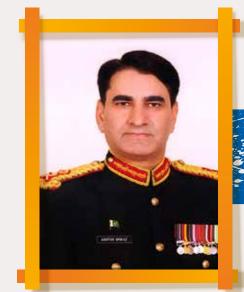


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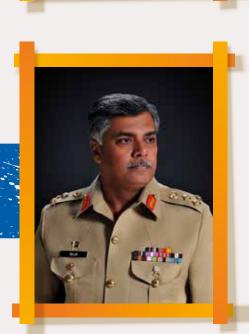


Lt Gen Bilal Akbar, $HI\left(M
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Maj Gen Akhtar Nawaz Satti, HI(M)Deputy Chairman BOG





The Salt of the Earth

The Founding Fathers of Burn Hall School were the high-minded persons with the milk of human kindness flowing profusely in their veins. They gave themselves selflessly to better the lives of the people they ministered to. Burn Hall School Abbottabad is one of the fruits of their faithful ministry in Pakistan. We are bound to acknowledge the services of Father Herman Thijssen and Father George Shanks as with their vision and commitment, Burn Hall School came into existence and flourished. Bishop Nicholas Hettinga, the first Patron of the school deserves great commendation for his services in establishing and making it a learning paradise. Father Francis Scanlon, among the founding fathers, served Burn Hall School having the longest tenure as Principal. His inspiring and candid personality left long-lasting imprints on the lives of the Hallians.

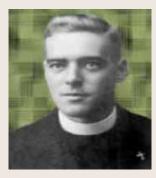


Bishop

Nicholas Hettinga

(The First Patron in Chief of Burn Hall School.

Abbottabad)



George Shanks
(The Head Master of Burn
Hall School, Abbottabad in
1948)

Rev. Father



Rev. Father Herman Thijssen (The First Head Master of Burn Hall School, Srinagar)



Rev. Father
Francis Scanlon
(Principal of Senior Burn
Hall School from
1956 to 1964)



Rev. Father
Norbert Turner
(Served as Principal of
Senior Burn Hall from
1971 to 1972)



Rev. Father
Michael Conroy
(Served as Principal of
Senior Burn Hall from
1973 to 1974)



Rev. Father

Jan Klaver

(Served as Principal of
Senior Burn Hall from
1974 to 1976)

They all helped to stop the corrosion of the moral standards in the society for they aimed to penetrate the values in the deepest beings of the learners at Burn Hall School. As a pinch of salt is enough to add flavor and preserve the things, similarly, they too, though few in number, yet made a great difference with their presence and passion. They could not have an effective ministry without the Divine love and compassion in their hearts. This Salt of the Earth, fulfilling their mission, leaving a legacy of righteousness and a path to be followed, departed this world to enter the immortal glory.

The Principals



Brig Bashir Ahmed Malik, SI(M) Jan 1977 - Dec 1982



SI(M)
Jan 1983 - Oct 1987



Brig Zahur Ahmad Nov 1987 - Nov 1992



Brig Irfan Aziz Malik, SI (M) Nov 1992 - Jul 1996



Brig Muhammad Irshad Arshad Jul 1996 - Jan 1999



Brig Muhammad Rafi Butt, SI(M) Jan 1999 - Sep 2000



Brig Mahmud Bashir Bajwa Sep 2000 - Oct 2004



Oct 2004 - August 2007



Brig Raheel Ashraf Aug 2007 - Aug 2009



Brig Abdul Hafeez, SI(M) Aug 2009 - Jan 2011



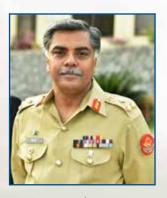
Brig Tahir Hussain Butt Jan 2011 - Aug 2012



Brig Dr Muhammad Javed Aug 2012 - Sep 2013



Brig Mukhtiar Muhammad Sep 2013 - Sep 2016



Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, SI(M) Sep 2016 - Sep 2019



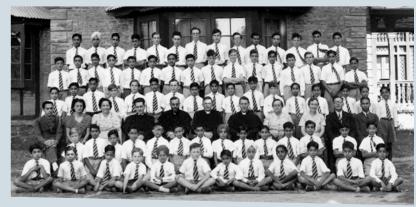
Brig Rizwan AfzalOct 2019 - Onwards

The Oak of Righteousness

1977 onwards, the rein of Burn Hall School was taken up by the Principals, serving Brigadiers from Pak Army. Principals down the line have contributed immensely by administering the College. They had been handed over the arduous task of managing the School, imparting education to the children and furthering the mission of the Fathers. It was not a smooth sail to run the institution with the missionary zeal as it had been lifted to a level that was neither easy to reach nor easy to beat. Nevertheless, Pakistan Armythe rock, the oak not to be wind-shaken, proved worthy of the confidence reposed in them. Armed with the weapons of wisdom, virtues, deepest sense of responsibility and invincible courage, they safeguarded the beloved institution through thick and thin and cared and nurtured it as a valued possession, not letting it harmed by any evil eye. Thus, embracing the pious task and acknowledging the sacrifices and endeavours of the Fathers and the Pioneers, they did everything possible to uphold its standing and repute. With the true intents to preserve the legacy, they systematically and considerately broadened the service horizon by expanding the land, constructing and renovating the Infrastructure, improving the academic standards and introducing curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, in order to raise and maintain the mark. In this regard, the Patron in Chiefs and the Board of Governors also deserve the highest accolade for their unremitting assiduity, upholding the finest traditions of the past, and being painstaking and faithful in the performance of duty to take Burn Hall School to new stature. For their sincere services, a grand gratitude is owed to the High and the Lofty One-who inhabits eternity, that may Here ward and remain by their side to shield and assist as they guard what has been committed to their trust.

The Gem Carvers

Teaching is a prophetic profession- it is a sacred service, for which few are chosen as more is demanded from the divine beings entitled for this mission. Teachers influence generations and those blessed with their touch, either individuals or institutions become one in a million, for their inspiration comes from above and their influence extends far beyond one's imagination or understanding. They are the soul of an institution, strength of a society and are rightly called the Nation Builders, yet often miss the limelight, the reverence and the rewards they thoroughly deserve. Nevertheless, when one at any point in his life venerates his mentors and acknowledges their contribution, that recognition and remembrance is their priceless asset.



Together Once We Were



1958 - Faculty Pose

Of all the blessings bestowed upon Burn Hall School, its teaching faculty is the greatest. They have touched the lives of thousands of students in the past 75 years, hence, making a lasting contribution in producing leaders for the nation and above all genuine human beings. It has always been recognized as an institution instilling values in its learners and grooming them to be confident, responsible and upright members of the society. It could not have achieved any status if it had not been gifted with the great legendary teachers who were friendly yet firm, commanding yet humble, scholarly yet soft, simple yet effective; what they knew was complex, still what they taught was simple. Their teaching was not confined to the classroom;

rather the joyful learning took place in the open air, on the hilltop, in the Houses and dorms and even

the dinner time was fully utilized for enhancing the communication skills of the learners. The Fathers and Sisters were as caring and concerned as parents and treated the students with great affection; still there was no compromise on discipline and no concession on breaking the rules. That was why, the students could share their matters with them without any hesitation. They touched the personality of each individual with gentleness and love as a family, creating a very



The Faculty of 1978 with Brig B A Malik (Late)



The Founding Fathers

the greatest gift that God conferred on Burn Hall School.

special affiliation with students, which alumni cherish with their grandchildren now. During their time and after them, the teaching faculty had been much concerned, effective and helpful. They possessed unquestioned moral rectitude that inspired deep devotion in their students. They were unsurpassed in awakening their dormant faculties and unlocking their imagination,

leading them to selfactualization and selfexpression. They talked to them candidly and persuaded them to the right path, making them

readers and thinkers. They were the skilled workers in the business of shaping the personalities; the process being long and intricate, demanded years of struggle, commitment, patience and love for the lives entrusted to them. Still, they proved themselves to be meticulously careful as they knew the rough edges, the uneven surfaces, the imperfections and with the tender and skilled hands carved, moulded and shaped them into precious gems. Those genteel gem carvers are our heroes;



Learning Incarnation

Their presence ensured the intellectual and spiritual health of the students. Their trust in the students and their loyalty never wavered. For them, Burn Hall was life, the greatest aim and the very purpose of their beings. Such dauntless commitment is rare and such faithfulness is godly that enabled



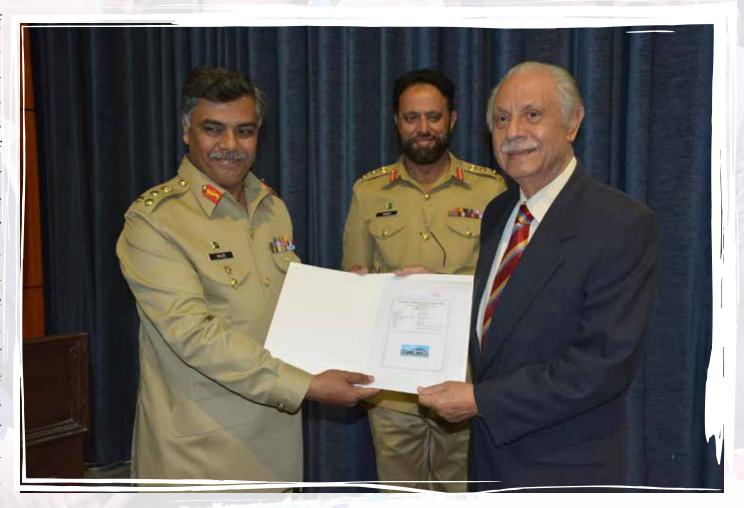
Teacher and Taught - Heart to Heart

them to give the warmth needed to grow the soul of the students. That is why their students may not remember their lectures but they do remember who they were and what they did for them.

We look back with gratitude and appreciation to those dear teachers who in their small gestures of love and care made a bigger difference in the lives of their pupils, in the prestige of the institution and in the growth of the nation. Our hearts overflow with joy and our hands are lifted in prayer that may Who lives in unapproachable light, overshadow them with His grace and peace and bless them in ways unheard and unseen.

The Goodwill Ambassadors

Unlike any other contemporary institution of the country, who wishes to rub shoulders with Burn Hall, our Alumni have rather been unique and distinguished. The diaspora spreads across Armed Forces, Civil Bureaucracy, Governance, Professions of Medicine, Engineering and numerous walks of life. Though they differ in many ways however, they are one in their attributes, grooming, confidence and the legacy that binds them as 'Hallians'-their pride forever. It seems fortune smiled on them once they were destined to study at Burn Hall as it impacted their future the most. They are remembered with love as the blessed and chosen ones who have staunch affiliation with its every nook and corner and immense reverence for the serving members who had been the role models and unforgettable contributors in their lives. They were true to Burn Hall as long as they studied and remained so raising the name of their Alma Mater, living up to the motto, 'Quo Non Ascendam'. Each and every one of them is the testimony of the loving



Gohar Ayub Khan Inaugurating Postal Stamp issued on Diamond Jubilee of Burn Hall

care, the sound schooling and the moral boost received here in the times of Fathers and even after them. They are the fragrance of Burn Hall, the rare gems, prepared and presented to beautify and better the world. They are the letters written in Burn Hall, and sent with love to the community to be read by many. May they inspire and impact all, and raise the repute of the institution by promoting universal moral values and being the goodwill ambassadors, closing the gap between love and hate, thus building bridges and not walls. May they be a source of strength and encouragement for each other and may God's goodness as boundless as His Being, surround them and use them for the utmost benefit of His Creation!



Lt Gen Munir Hafeez sharing his views with College students



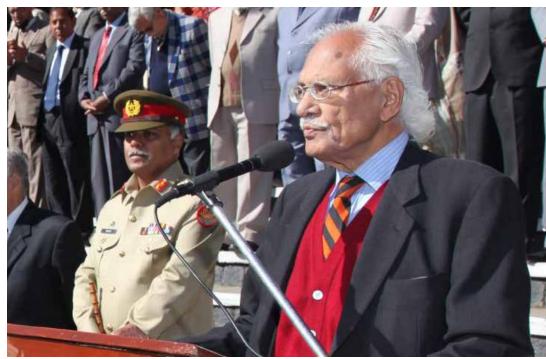
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on Alumni Reunion



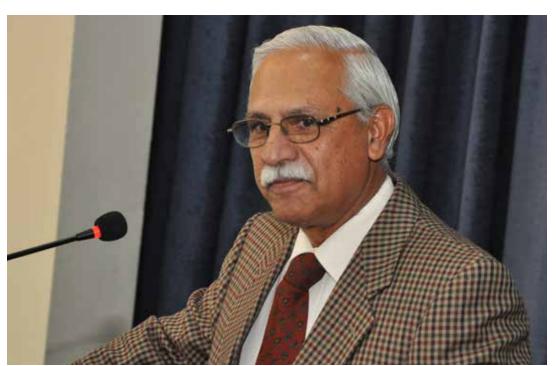
Maj Gen Muhmmad Ali giving gifts to Old Hallian











Senior Old Hallians Addressing the Young Hallians in Burn Hall





Distinguished Humni



Gohar Ayub Khan



Muzaffar Mahmood Qurashi



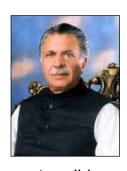
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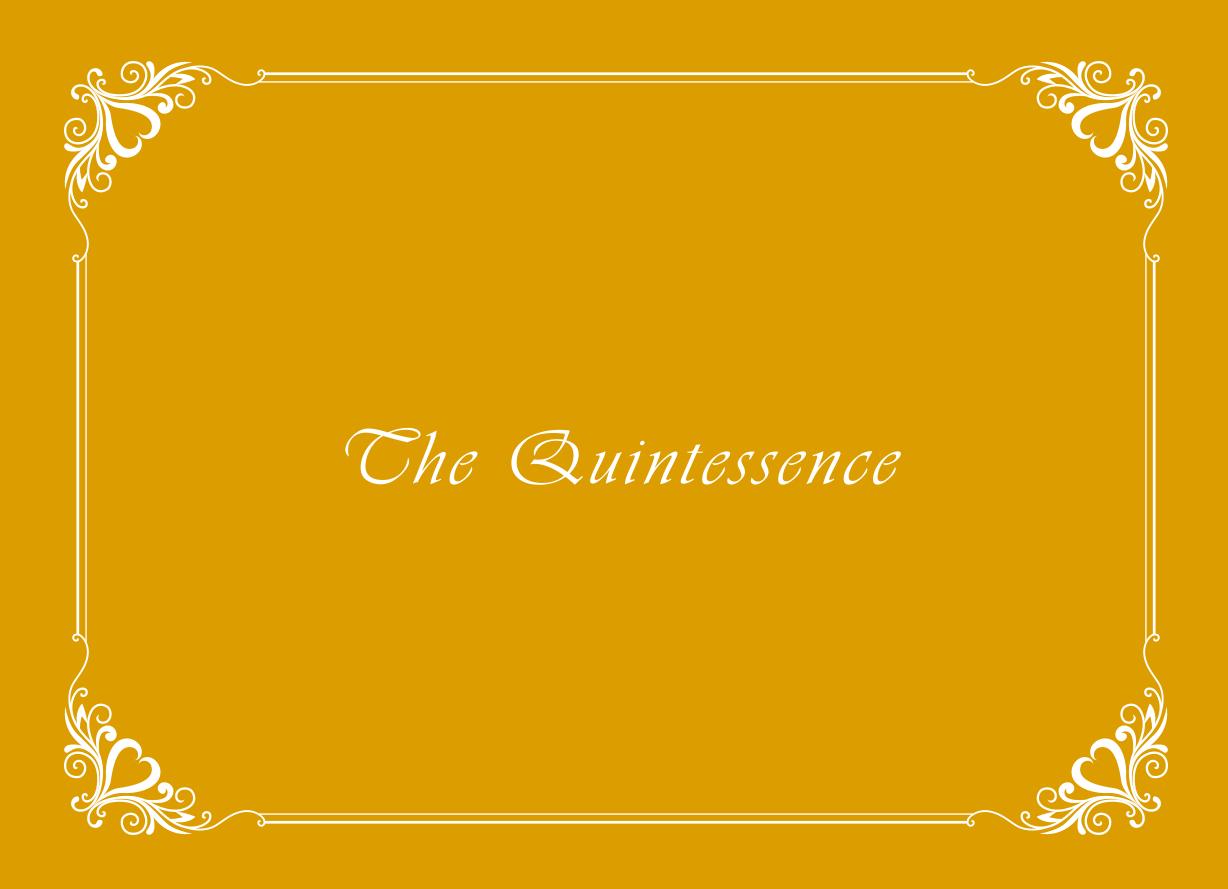
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School of Great Antiquity

Army Burn Hall College is one of the renowned legacies that the British missionaries left behind. It is a school and college, formerly operating along English public school lines in Abbottabad, with separate sections for boys and girls. The Girls' College (originally called Junior Burn Hall) is on the Mall, a main road near the city centre, while the Boys' College (originally called Senior Burn Hall) is on Mansehra Road, Abbottabad. The school grew as the time passed, from a Missionary School in a hired building at Srinagar to State of the Art College, offering Cambridge as well as Matric and FSc streams of education. Since its establishment it has been playing a vital role in imparting education, training and leadership traits to successive generations. Hitherto, thousands of 'Hallians' with dynamic leadership qualities have been serving the country in various capacities (Armed forces, civil services, politics and governance, medicine, engineering, social and public sector, law and education etc.) and proved themselves to be very productive for the state and society at large. Moreover, the Hallians have represented Pakistan across the globe and rendered valuable services to various international humanitarian institutions, organizations and agencies. They have enhanced the image and stature of Pakistan in the comity of nations and always bring honour and dignity to motherland.

The school initially founded by Mill Hill Missionaries (MHM) in Srinagar in Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK), was later shifted to Abbottabad in 1948 and since 1977 has been running by the Pakistan





Army. The Mill Hill Missionary (MHM) of London was established by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan. It was established on the pattern of Church Missionary Society and Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. According to Vaughan "This is an association of clergymen and zealous men and women, who are united together in a determination to carry out, so far as they can, the work of the Apostles and to spread Christianity among the yet unconverted races of the earth". Thus, nature and direction of MHM was very much clear i.e. to carry out the task of propagation of Christianity. Students were trained at St. Joseph's College to carry out the mission to un-evangelized races beyond European Continent through charity and social work in education and health sector. In 1879, a group of Mill Hill priests was entrusted a task to help Church for providing chaplaincy services to the British Army and to attend locals in Northern India.

Therefore, in 1903, in Kashmir the first school for orphans was established in Baramulla. In 1911, secondary level was added with a boarding section as well. Mill Hill Fathers ensured the maintenance of very high standards in the college. But soon, overcrowding presented a problem. To solve this problem in 1942, the boarding school was shifted to Srinagar with the objective to accommodate the increasing number of students, who belonged to well-off families and named Burn Hall. This is how, Burn Hall emerged as a well-established income generating elite's institution. In October 1947, the Maharaja's decision to join India, threw the state in turmoil.

In 1948, as the political crisis aggravated and war in Kashmir started, the most pressing need was the safety of the orphans at Baramulla, and the boys at Burn Hall School, Srinagar. The latter were, for the most part, sons of Catholic and Muslim families from the Northern Punjab and North West Frontier Province. The political situation in Kashmir was so volatile that it was decided to move the students to a safer place. The actual carrying out of the transfers was not without danger. An error was once made in respect of Burn Hall, when one of the priests was directed to shepherd a group of Muslim boys back to the North West Frontier Province. He chose to go by the long route via Delhi, Lahore and Peshawar. The Archbishop of Delhi was so horrified that he ordered them back to Kashmir. Somehow or other, the youngsters were moved to safety. The generally uncertain situation brought other dangers to children. Some became separated from their parents and got hopelessly lost. This was that precarious situation in which shifting of Burn Hall from Srinagar to Abbottabad took place.

At Abbottabad, an erstwhile Abbott Hotel (an evacuee property) was allotted against the sum of Rs. 200,000 for Brun Hall. Father Scanlon remained thoroughly involved in organizing the arrangements for teaching, boarding for students and teaching staff, which made it possible to schedule the school in April 1948. Later on, in 1954, an additional land of 266 Kanals was acquired @ RS. 500/per acre at Mansehra Road for the extension of school. In 1956, a new building was constructed to accommodate an increasing number of students. Meanwhile, the school came under the control of the Diocesan Board of Education, Rawalpindi (DBE).

MHM's involvement reached at peak between 1964 & 1967, but then began to decline. There were two factors at work here. The sadder of these was the malaise that hit the Church after Vatican-II. Many priests decided to review their personal commitment and recruitment began to fall off. The other factor was a change in attitude among the MHM. There was a feeling among the members that it was somehow wrong for a priest to be working in a school, when so many other pastoral demands were on the rise. By the end of the 1970s, MHM involvement in schools had decreased gradually facing numerous challenges to continue with the mission. Reduced employment of priests affected the financial state of the mission, which was already under heavy debts. Due to managerial crisis including huge strikes by the students and teachers and prevailing uncertainty, in 1977, Burn Hall School was sold out to Pakistan Army, being the most organized and disciplined institution in the country. Initially, the Army paid annual rent to the MHM and later on in 1985, Army purchased the entire enterprise for Rs.15 million.

Initially, Burn Hall School offered Senior Cambridge classes and continued with the same stream until 1963. In 1963, the School was linked with Peshawar Board for SSC. After Burn Hall was handed over to Pakistan Army, various changes took place. In 1981, Brig Bashir Ahmed Malik, the then Principal upgraded the institution to HSSC level. After two years in 1983, Brig Abdul Sattar shifted SSC from Peshawar Board to FBISE. In 2002-3, A-level was also introduced during the tenure of Brig Mahmud Bashir Bajwa. Presently, there are two streams of studies; one through Federal Board of Education and second through Cambridge system of schooling. Since Pakistan Army's purchase of Burn Hall in 1977, not only the number of the students multiplied many times but the quality of education improved over the years to the level that it has become benchmark to get enrolled in the institution. In the formative phase of Burn Hall in Srinagar there were 70 to 80 students enrolled. With the passage of time number of students increased and today Burn Hall accommodates more than 2000 students.

While there are many ways to measure Burn Hall's progress and achievements, the fundamental issue is who we can be and what we can accomplish as a leading educational institution of the country. Moving forward, it is expected that Burn Hall will continue to establish itself as an unparalleled educational institution of the highest quality in the country, where all students achieve success, where they address pressing societal challenges, where we come together to experience the beauty and power of aesthetics, and where we harness our knowledge and our talents to serve our community and the broader society with sound and universally acceptable character.

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The Turn that Changed the History

The tender hand of the Mill Hill Missionaries nurtured and cared for the sapling planted in the serene surroundings of Abbottabad for almost 29 years. Their devotion turned it into a sound shelter for thousands of learners and its ascent was the fruit of their sacrifices and commitment, however, the time came when it was to be handed over to those who were worthy of reposing the trust to keep the mission alive and the bliss of learning to multiply. The Pak Army was assigned the task to preserve and protect their treasured sanctuary of learning. Following documentation was done at that delicate time in the history of Burn Hall when change of command took place in 1977.

The Blissful Burn

Under the shade of the silent Maples, ran the stream, once the liquid soul of the Campus, energizing with its pleasant waft. Apart from the watery grace, it is the cord that links Burn Hall with the Mill Hill Missionaries.

The stream burn (called Wear in Croxdale, England) traversed close to a manor house 'Hall' situated in Mill (London). The house was designed by Ignatious Bonomi for Byran John Salvin and completed in 1834. It was acquired by St. Joseph's Society for foreign missions in 1926, which established a school for boys in the hall. This Seminary used to train boys as missionary priests till 1995. So the existence of the 'burn' close to the 'Hall' was the reason for the name Burn Hall.



Father George Shanks, one of the founding fathers who had completed his Theological Studies from the Burn Hall Seminary England was appointed as Headmaster of St. Joseph's School Baramula, IHK. Later. once the boys were shifted to Srinagar, to another boarding school, he named it as Burn Hall after the name of his Alma Mater. Following the partition, the missionaries moved to an equally charming Abbottabad to continue their calling and established Burn Hall School in Abbottabad.

Luckily, here too they found a water channel coming downstream from Jub Nullah, crossing through the campus. The Burn was well-maintained during the initial years of establishment. Beautiful umbrellas were also erected on its both sides and visitors used to sit under these umbrellas at evening time. In the scorching heat of the summer, the Burn used to serve as an adorable picnic sight, captivating the Hallians to wade through its cool water and mesmerizing them to do fishing as a fun time sports activity. The Burn, still flows in the Campus, however, the water has lost its transparency and over the years, the gem-blue stream has turned out to be a channel of impure water, yet the old boys describe evocative feelings about it.

The Burn and the Burn Hall are a mystery and a history that are inextricably intertwined.







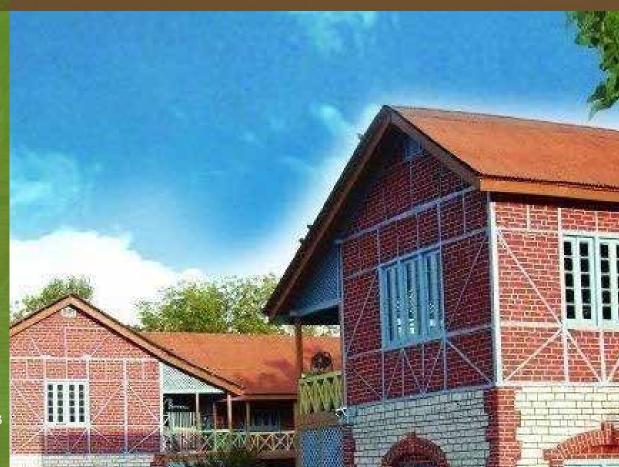


Manor House UK for Will Hill Missionaries

Burn Hall Seminary was housed in an ancient hall dating from 1821 in Croxdale, Durham County. Croxdale is at the point where the River Browney joins the River Wear. On the banks of the latter stands Burn Hall. In 1926, Burn Hall was sold to the Mill Hill Misssionaries who used to train boys as missionary priests at Burn Hall Seminary till 1995.

St. Joseph's School Baramulla

St. Joseph's School Baramulla is one of the oldest missionary schools in Kashmir valley. Its foundation was laid by Father C. Simon in late 18th century and eventually in 1903, he established the School for the orphans. In 1911, secondary level was added with a boarding section as well and very soon it was upgraded and affiliated to the University of Punjab. The School was founded and run by St. Joseph's Missionary Society of Mill Hill. Later, due to overcrowding, the boarding section was shifted to Srinagar and named as Burn Hall School. Thus St. Joseph School Baramulla became the mother institution of Burn Hall.



Burn Hall School Srinagar

Burn Hall School Srinagar was established in 1943 in undivided India, in Srinagar, Kashmir. Prior to 1943, it was the part of St. Joseph's College Baramulla. Its impressive Gothic style building was located in the heart of Srinagar which is at present the Teacher's Training College. Today, Burn Hall School Srinagar is an elite Christian Missionary institute for Boys.





Tunior Burn Hall Abbottabad

As the partition of India approached, it was decided by the Fathers to establish Burn Hall School in Abbottabad. In 1948, the City Campus Abbottabad was established at the former Abbott Hotel, constructed in 1817. The inauguration ceremony of the school was held on April 25, 1948. Later with the establishment of another campus, it was named as Junior Burn Hall. Subsequently in the year 1991 the Junior Burn Hall became Army Burn Hall College for Girls.



Senior Burn Hall Abbottabad

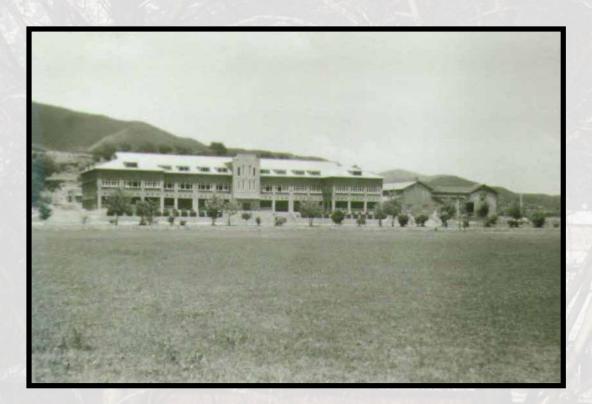
In 1956, the building of Senior Burn Hall was constructed in red brick. The historic construction is undoubtedly the gem of Burn Hall School and a fabulous example of old British architectural style. The iconic structure originally stood as the School's entire Campus, housing both classrooms and boarding. It is one of the legacies of the Mill Hill Missionaries- a heritage Hallians are proud to own. Initially established as Senior Burn Hall, it became Army Burn Hall College for boys.

The New Campus

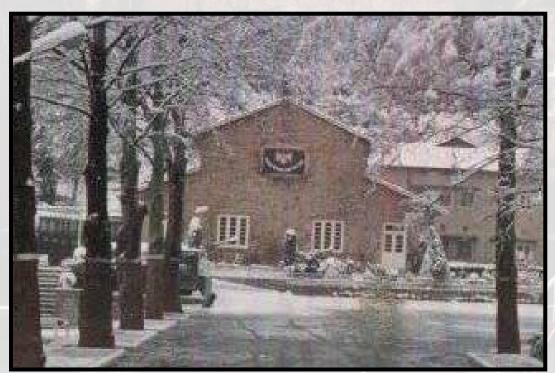
The New Campus was erected in 2011. It comprises a three storied semi-circular building with Administration Block in the centre and Academic Blocks on outer circle with two Residential Blocks in the inner circle. The Campus has spacious classrooms, computer laboratories, an Activity Room and a Music Room, for primary and middle section, serving as Junior Burn Hall for Boys

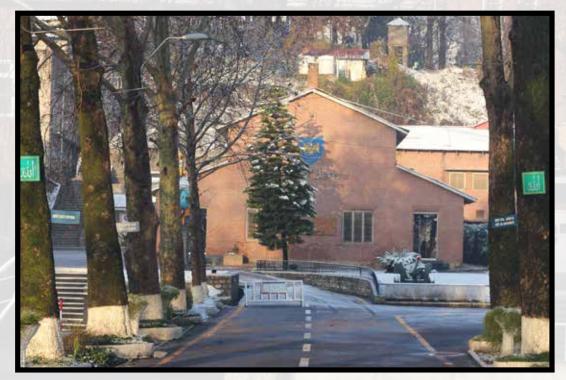


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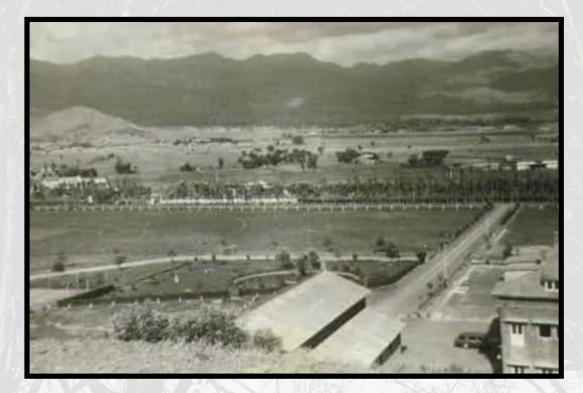


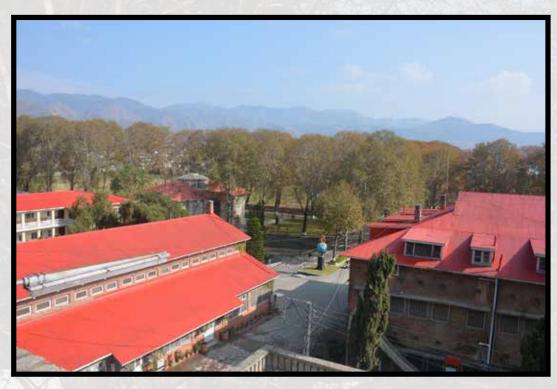


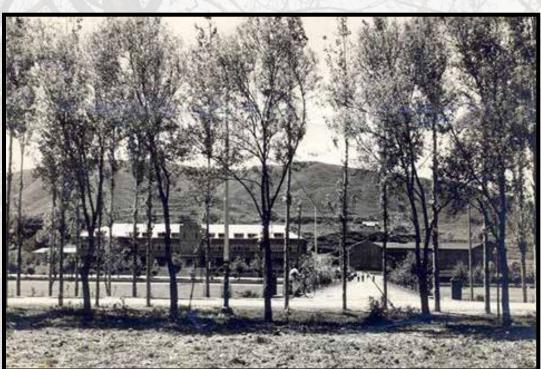




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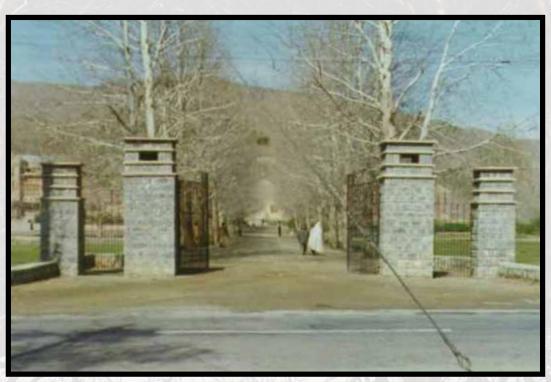






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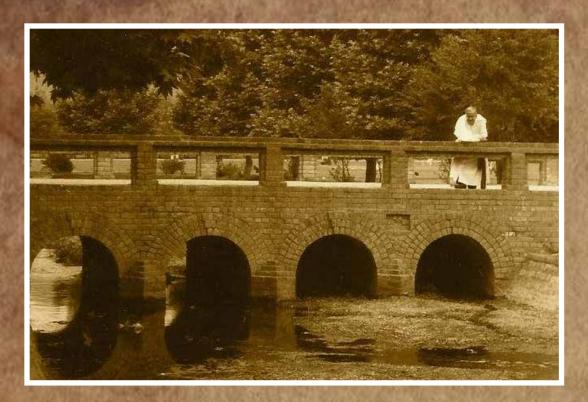


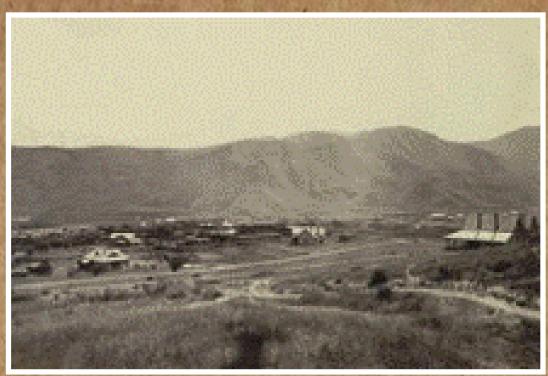


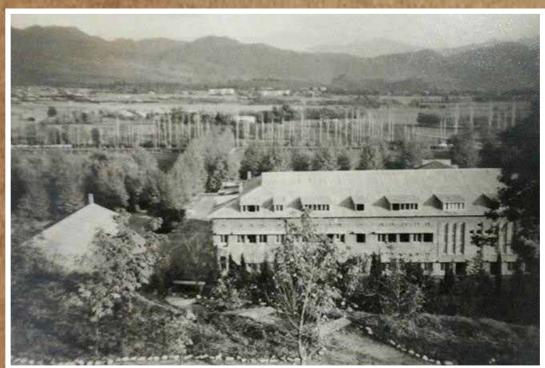




Evolution of Burn Hall's Entrance









Old is Gold and Exhilarating

Bishop Hettinga in Burn Hall







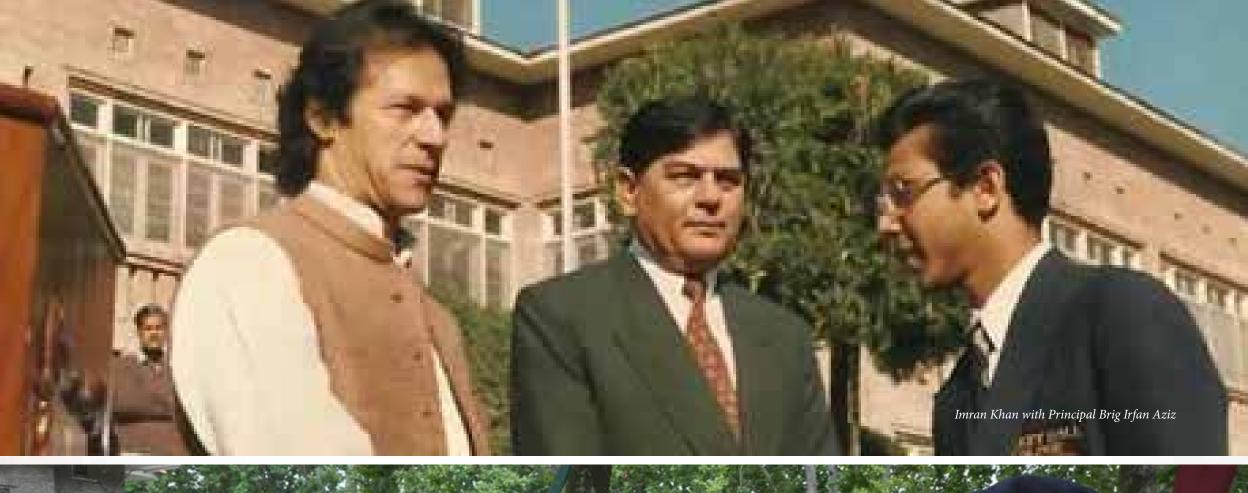








The Founding Fathers

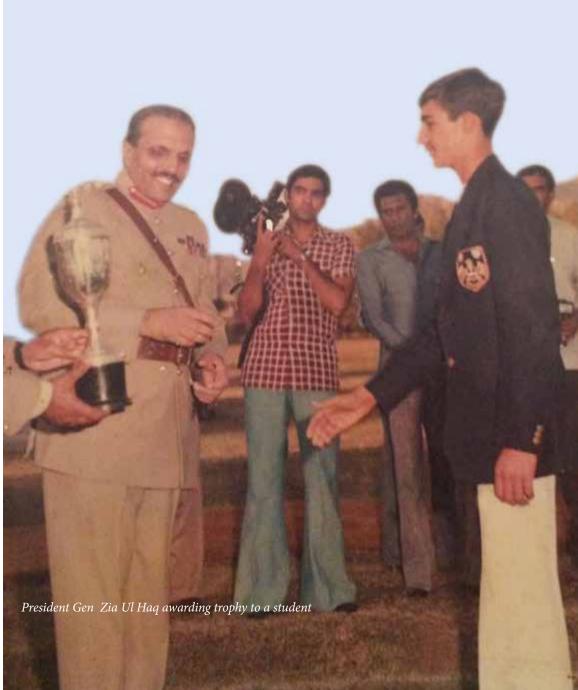




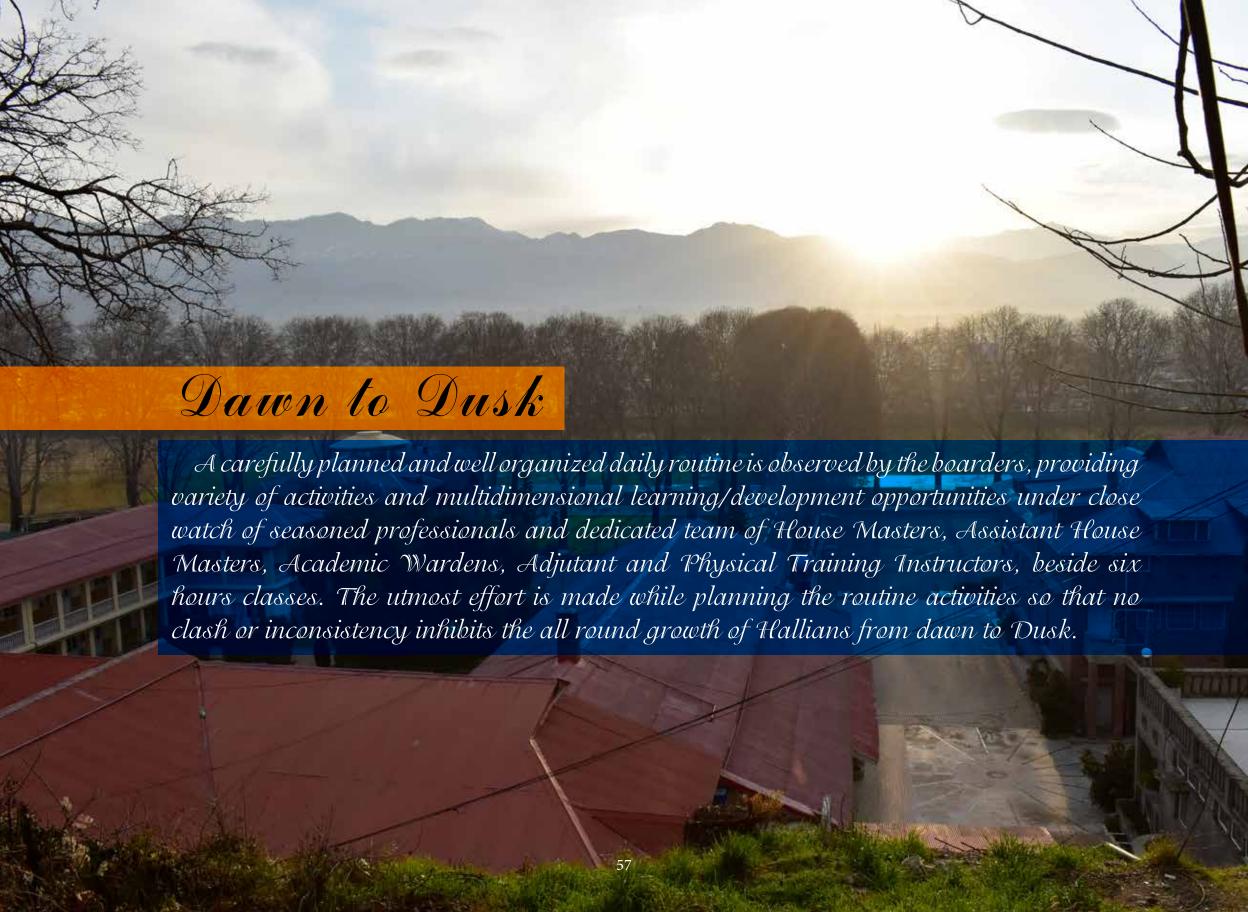


Dy Chairman BOG Maj Gen Raheel Shareef Inaugurating Sports Complex









Rising Bell

The day for the boarders start with the morning rising bell as a harbinger of a fresh morning to shake the spell of deep slumber off the young Hallians and get them tugged up for the academic hours.

Rising bell precedes the normal day routine like Fajr Prayer followed by physical training and classes etc.













Followed by the breakfast are the academic hours (0740-1430 from Monday to Thursday and from 0800-1205 on Friday)mean to equip the Hallians with the skills required to prepare them for their sole objectives of learning including curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular. During these hours, PTIs keep a vigilant eye on any unnecessary movement of the students outside the classes, and send them back to their classes if found loitering around without a prior permission of their teachers and a cogent reason.









Having attended four initial classes, refreshment time is essential to relax the weary minds. A break of thirty minutes, from 1055 -1125, falls in between the eight classes of the day. There are separate cafeterias for the junior Break Time and the senior wing of the College where the students not only find refreshment but also all the necessary stuff they may need in routine.





Lunch Hour

By 1345 hours, Hallians are back from their Houses and gather at their respective points near their messes to respond to the call for lunch time fall in. It's time for exhausted Hallians to recharge their lost energies from 1400-1430 hours throughout the week including holidays.





Library Hours

The College is blessed with a grand library replete with all the accessories consisting of a generous collection of variety of books on a wide range of disciplines of knowledge that caters to the need and taste of all levels of the students. In addition to the books, the library also has the provision of learning CDs on all significant aspects of knowledge. is further assisted by the availability of a mini computer where laboratory inside students enjoy free Wi-Fi facility to explore the annals of learning on researchable topics.

The library in charge and the assistant librarian make every effort to facilitate and guide the students to avail full benefit from the available treasure of knowledge especially in the evenings and over the weekends.







Evening Sports are a way to give an outlet to pent up emotions and energies of the students, who are possessed with immense potentials that require proper training and orientation by professionally trained Sports In charges appointed for various sports activities. These sports consist of hockey, cricket, football, basketball, karate, gymnastics, swimming, table tennis and various types of races. The sole purpose of the sports is to dispel the stress of studies and tough routine of the boarding, and above all to produce positive-minded and healthy social characters needed by our motherland.







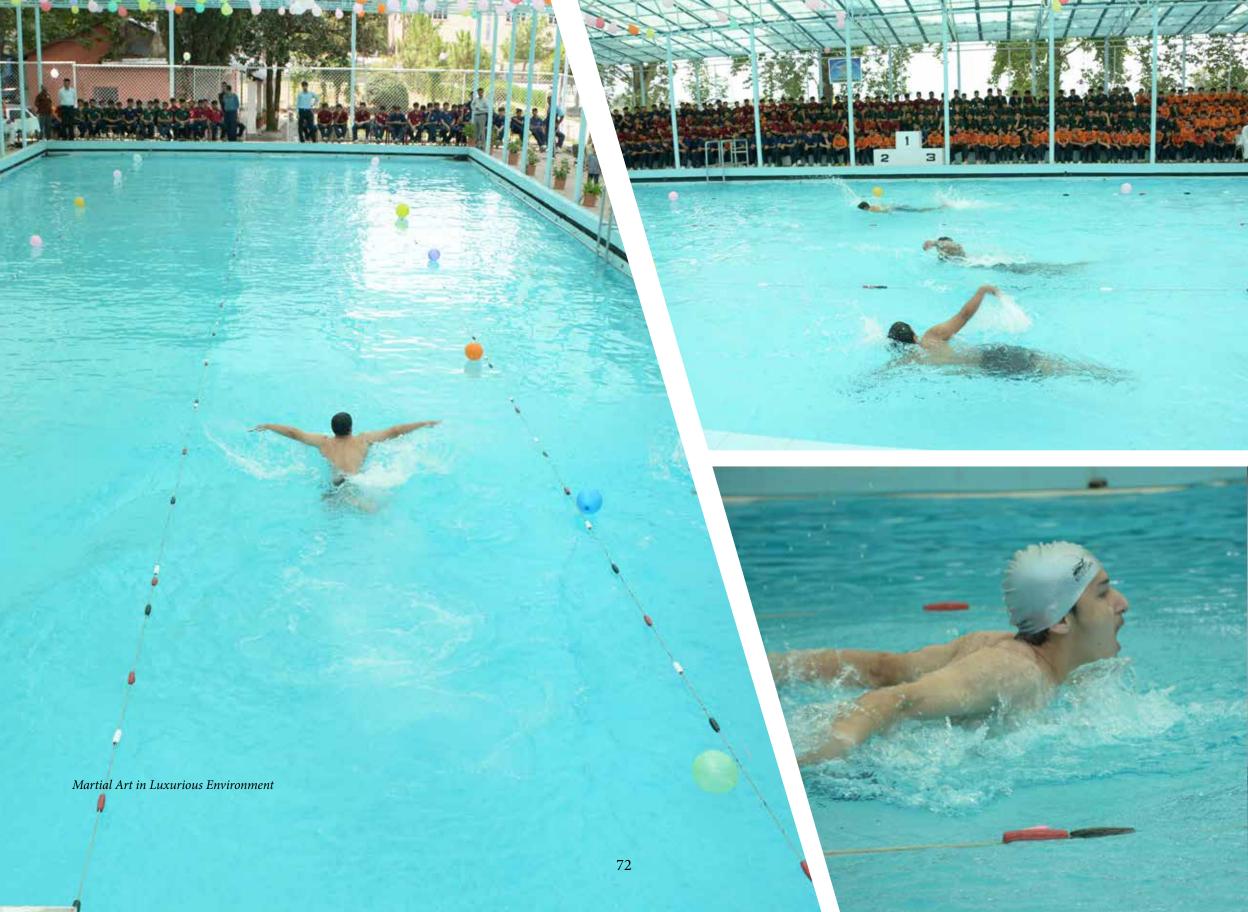




Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, SI (M) Giving Trophies to the Winning Captains























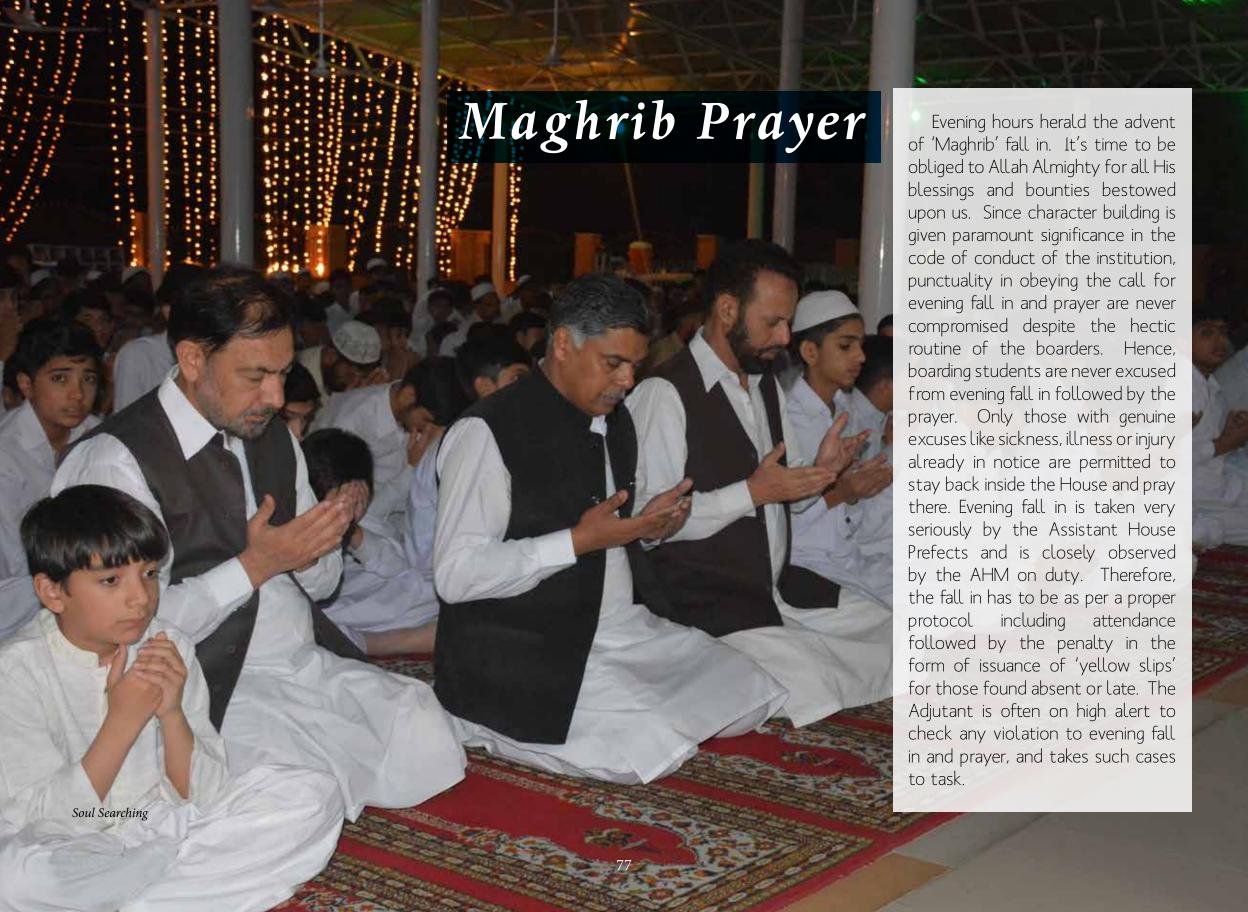
Sweat Saves Blood

















Evening Coaching

Having sought Allah's help, starts the first spell of reviewing the learning of the day. The prep is conducted either outside (in the classrooms) or inside the house (in students' dorms) in accordance with the directives from the administration. These hours are meant to be utilized to revise the input gained during the academic hours and to accomplish the assignments given by the subject teachers. The prep is conducted under the supervision of the AHMs and the HM in the respective houses, and strict observance of discipline is ensured by the supervisory staff.

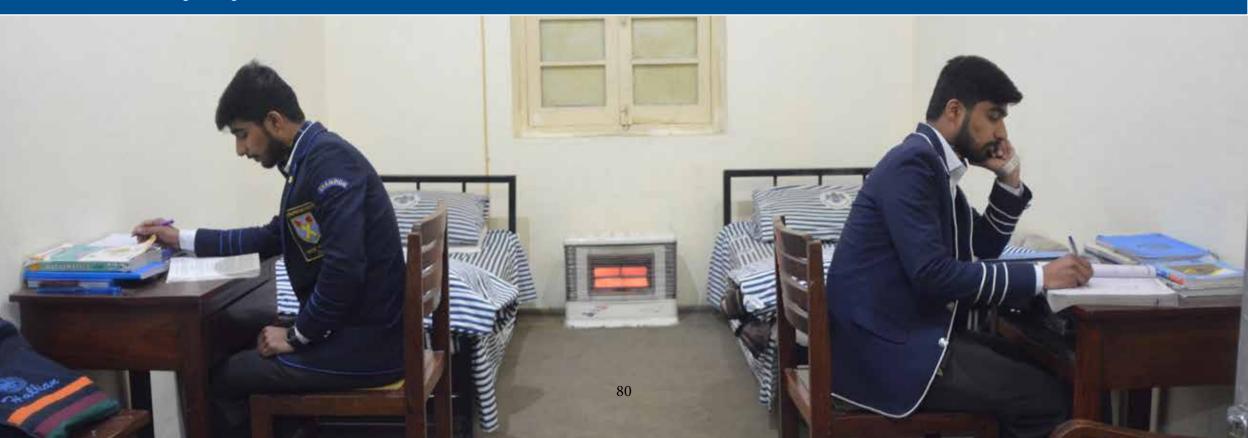
Dinner Time

Soon after the completion of the first prep, follows the dinner time. Same as on lunch time, again the students are put in queues near their respective messes, and after thorough check of their proper outfit they are allowed admittance to the mess. Inside the mess, the Mess Secretary makes sure the meal is taken as per the etiquettes of the code of conduct inside the mess.





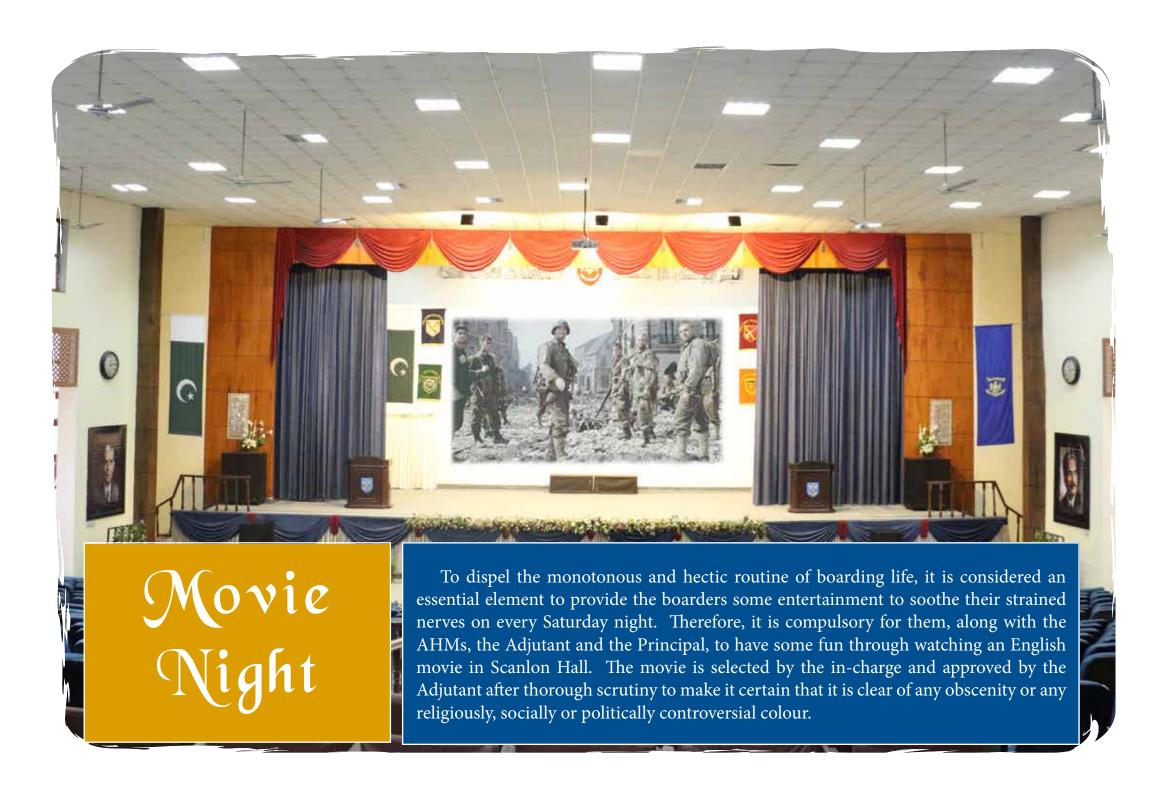
Night prep is conducted inside the students' dorms from 20:30 to 22:30 hours throughout the week including holiday. It brings the most tranquil hours of the day to re-focus on the studies of the day. Now the students feel a bit relaxed and at home, yet again, the supervision of the AHMs and the HM continues and every possible tutelage and guidance is provided to the students in academic matters. During a short break of fifteen minutes, tea and boiled eggs are provided to the students and the supervising teachers to boost up their lost calories. Furthermore, it's time to consult the AHMs and the HM regarding non-academic matters, who leave no stone unturned to resolve.



Light out Time

For light out at 22:45 (throughout theweekincludingholiday),theDorm Bearer rings the bell repeatedly to show the studious minds the way to bed and makes sure that lights of all the dorms including the corridors are switched off. He on night duty is supposed to remain awake and all alert the whole night to check any unnecessary movement or noisy gossips inside or outside the dorms which may disturb the sleeping hours. He updates AHMs about any anomaly if it occurs. Moreover, he remains on duty till he has awoken up all the students and sent them to the mess for the breakfast and finally to their classrooms.







Sunday Brunch

Unlike the routine breakfast, Sunday's first meal, known as 'Sunday Brunch', has unique features and schedule. First, its schedule is quite flexible keeping in view the relaxation given to the boarding students and the boarding teachers after the week's stereotype routine of getting up early to cope up with the academics ahead. As they say, "Change is the only consistency to life", Sunday brunch starts at 10:00 hrs and closes at 12:00 hrs. The sole reason behind the late starting and closing time is to facilitate the students and the teachers so that they have

enjoyed a sound sleep at Saturday night and are able to wake up as per their heart's sweet accord at a reasonably acceptable hour to enjoy the brunch. The brunch brings a lavishly sumptuous menu suiting the taste of the boarders and is a complete package of a truly hearty meal consisting of traditional 'Chanay', 'Halwa & Poori', fried spicy chicken pieces with Lassi and tea.

Sunday-Time to join the near and dear ones

Sunday is the most awaited day of the week to bring the departed souls together. It's time for Hallians to get connected with their family in one way or the other. Sharp at 10:00 am, Hallians are issued their mobile phones (except smart phones) to talk to their families and speak their hearts out with them. They are free to leave their dorms and sit anywhere they like to feel free to talk. However, they are bound to re-submit their phones with the AHM 30 minutes before the 'Maghrib' fall in so that they get on time for the prayers.



Club Activities









Club activities are an integral part of Hallians' training. Throughout the year on Saturdays, the talented Hallians remain engaged in sports and various club activities. These activities cover Physics Club, Chemistry Club, Biology Club, Electronics Club, Drama Club, Art Club and English Debating Club, Urdu Debating Club. The sole purpose of conducting these activities is to expose the learners to kinaesthetic mode of learning which not only enables them to conceptualize the core concepts of such disciplines, but also equips them with practically fruitful expertise that can be helpful to them in future. Finally, all these activities are showcased for parents and dignitaries on Annual Parents' Day.

Day boarding and Day schooling

Burn Hall has a very flexible educational policy that provides equal opportunities of learning for people coming either from middle or from upper classes of our country taking into consideration the varied affordability levels of our society. As such, the vast training expanse of Burn Hall College is not just restricted to boarding students who permanently reside in Campus, but available to day scholars also who leave the Campus after academic hours except on Saturdays meant for co-curricular and extra-curricular. Instead, it encompasses yet another category of Hallians known as 'day boarders'. These are the students who remain at the campus from dawn to dusk on regular bases not only to attend normal academic hours. but also to attend exclusive extra coaching classes and play various sports. At dusk, day boarders leave for their homes.

Enhanced Academic Activities



the tradition of rote learning. Freeing the students from the boundaries of the classroom and exposing them to a wider stage meant to project knowledge on a much bigger screen and with innovative, interesting and broader perspectives, has always been a success when it comes to conceptual learning. In this scenario, Hallians enjoy numerous opportunities to widen their mental horizon as they are often gathered in the grand Scanlon Hall of the College to listen all kinds of professional which may help them in selecting their future ventures. Recruiting officials from Pak Army, Air Force and Navy are also invited as guest speakers to prepare those aiming at joining the armed forces of Pakistan. In this connection, the guest speakers generously update the students on genuine and invaluable knowledge regarding the tests and selection criteria required to be selected in

armed forces.

Personality Development Program

Generally, all the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities cover the grooming process of Hallians throughout the year. However, personality development program, like inter house Debate, Declamations, Qiraat & Naat, Quiz, Kalam-e-Iqbal and National songs competitions are regular conducted in Scanlon Hall. The grand Scanlon Hall gives really a festive look during these events.













Commitments in the Grand Scanlon Hall









Adventure Training

Our outdoor adventure program is second to none. Our students have regular opportunities to experience fun and challenging indoor and outdoor physical activities. They enjoy cross-country race, hiking, camping and back packing. Thus they are challenged physically and they learn the significance of teamwork and perseverance. Focusing on positive achievements, confronting and overcoming fears and anxieties help them develop their overall personality and team work capabilities.



















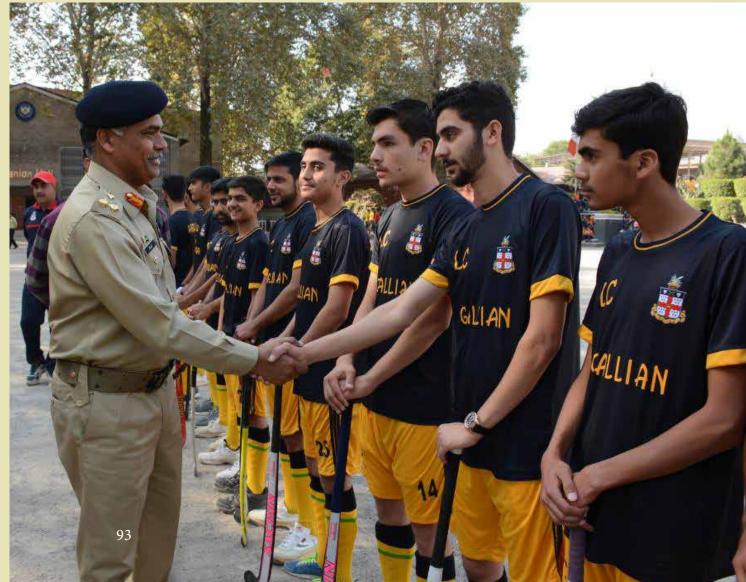


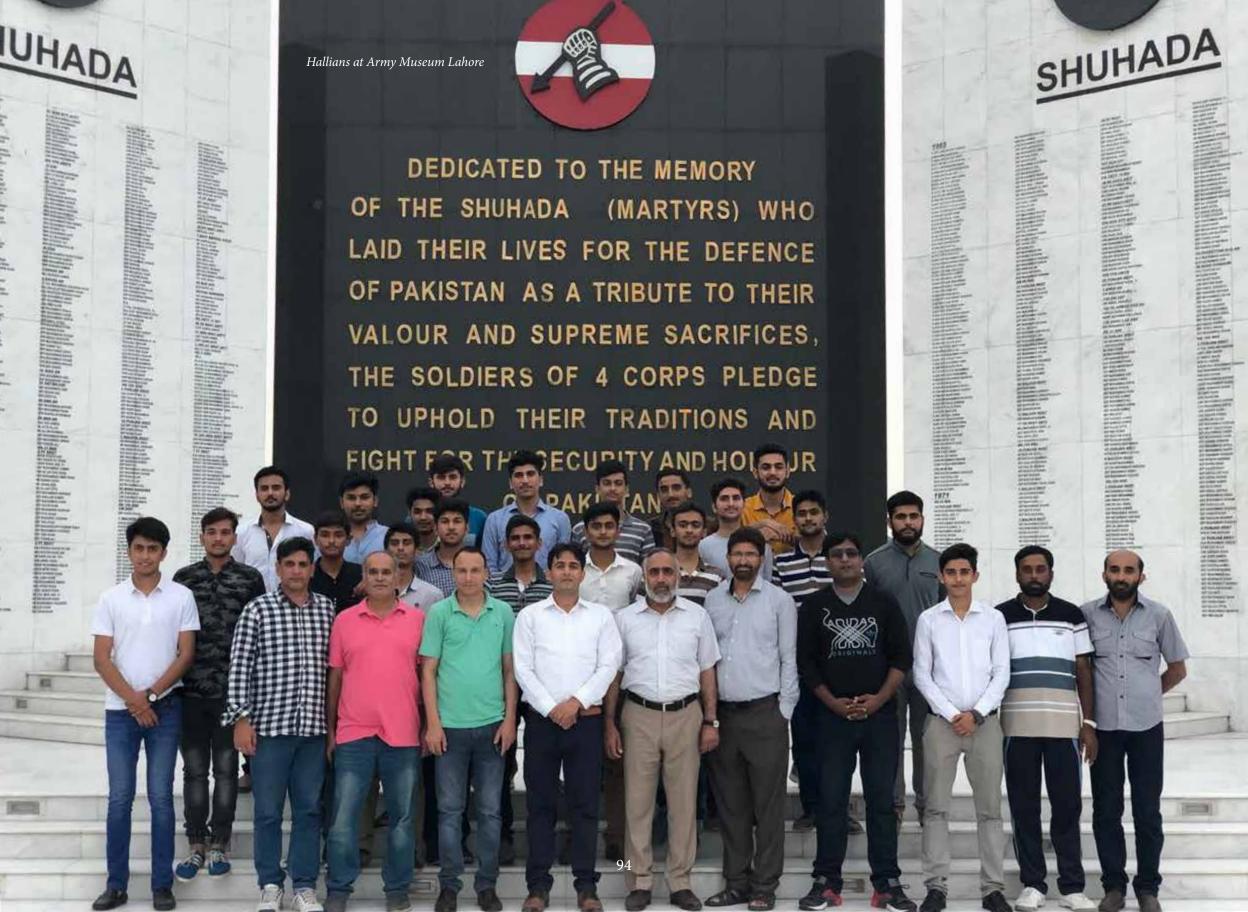




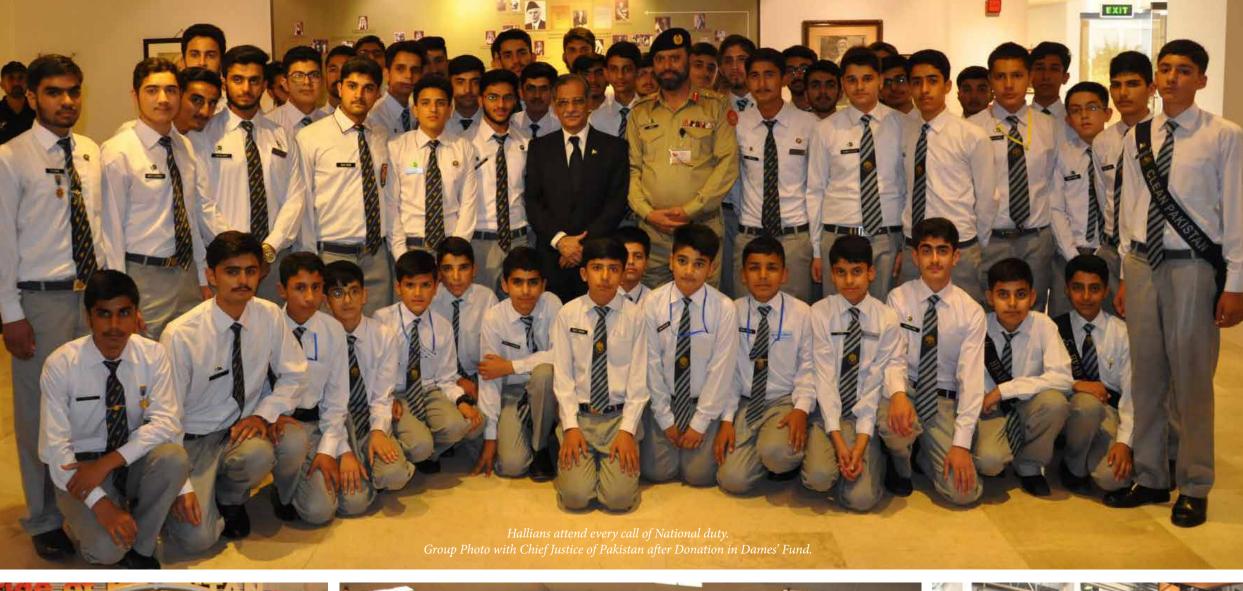
Sports Fixtures and Excursions

Sports and excursions are inseparable factors of the life of a student who can virtually be called a healthy disciple. Sports fixtures provide Hallians with the opportunity to feel a sense of achievement when they have developed a skill; or overcome a previously insurmountable opponent. Hallians have fixtures of the sports like squash, lawn tennis, cricket and hockey with various renowned institutions throughout the year. These fixtures provide the key that unlocks the physical activity door to Hallians who need a cathartic outlet of their pent up emotions and ever-growing physical energy, generated and enhanced through a challenging and boarding life and remove their natural stress. Similarly, day scholars also get opportunities of enjoying themselves on various types of excursions so as they feel a sense of freedom from homes and association with the institution.

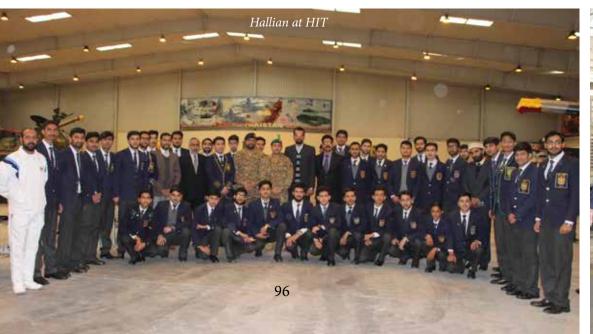




































Burn Hall Model United Nations

The art of rhetoric is one of the finest attributes of Hallians that instills exceptional confidence and knowledge, equipping them to become eloquent leaders and articulate front-runners. The students are provided ample opportunities of public speaking in the classroom, morning assembly, Inter House Debates Contests and Bilingual Declamation Contest. Holding the tradition of initiating new avenues to groom their personalities, Inter House Burn Hall Model united Nations was introduced for the first time that gave the students exposure to extended level of debates and depth of International Affairs. MUN is internationally recognized as a socio political student event, not only bringing together students at a local and international scale but it also educates them about international politics. It consists of different student committees that work forward to solve world's leading critical issues e.g. international security, world human rights and future development programs. Participation in Model UN aims to foster negotiation, speaking and communication skills. In addition, crisis committees, which deal with crisis scenarios which can be contemporary or historical, develop leadership skills and the ability to adapt and deal with unexpected situations.

Considering its unavoidable significance and manifold purposes, it was organized in Army Burn Hall College for Boys at Inter House level on 24th and 25th May, 2019. Old Hallians and senior students heartily participated in the contests as it incited their thirst to prove their faculties and knowledge on a new platform of debates. They participated in four committees, the UNSC, General Assembly, UNESCO, UNICEF and National Assembly as chairs, co-chairs and delegates. Each committee prepared the position papers and presented the arguments influentially and persuasively that enriched the students with the skill of logical thinking and academic research, profundity of the national and international issues and passion to plan for the progression of humanity. Furthermore entertainment in the form of concerts and food festivals arranged for the delegates also made the experience unforgettable. In the end, the organizing team and the best and outstanding delegates were awarded certificates by the Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha who graced the event as Chief Guest. He commended the participants for their enthusiasm and exceptional performance and announced that All Pakistan Burn Hall Model united Nations will henceforth be conducted on annual basis by the College regularly.





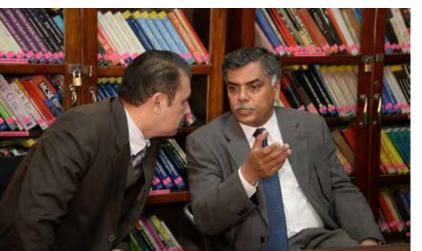
































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Mill Hill Missionaries Stepped in the Sanctuary of Learning

It was a glorious moment when after four decades since the handing over of the College to Pakistan Army, the founders of Burn Hall-the Mill Hill Missionaries visited the College on May 03, 2019. It brought immense joy to the Hallians as they met Father Richard Anguyo, a Mill Hill Missionary from Uganda. Bishop Humphrey Sarfarz Peters helped materializing the visit whereas Revd. Rafique Javed and the local clergy hosted the visiting guest. A solemn ceremony was arranged to honor the dedicated services of Mill Hill Missionaries. The dignitaries were briefed about the institution's journey from its inception to glory of excellence followed by a Grand Morning Assembly. They were overjoyed to visit the Campus, especially witnessing the infrastructure constructed in the times of Fathers and its preservation humbled them to the mercies of the Lord. In the Scanlon Hall, Bishop Humphrey Sarfarz Peters delivered a motivational lecture to the students that raised their spirits. Father Richard Anguyo, briefly told about his own ministry and the current services of the Mill Hill Missionaries in Pakistan. He advised the Hallians to serve Pakistani community after completing their education. The blessed visit ended after exchange of souvenirs followed by lunch.























Principal with the Head of Sri Lankan Delegate









His Highness Yao Ching, Chines Ambassador visiting ABHC



















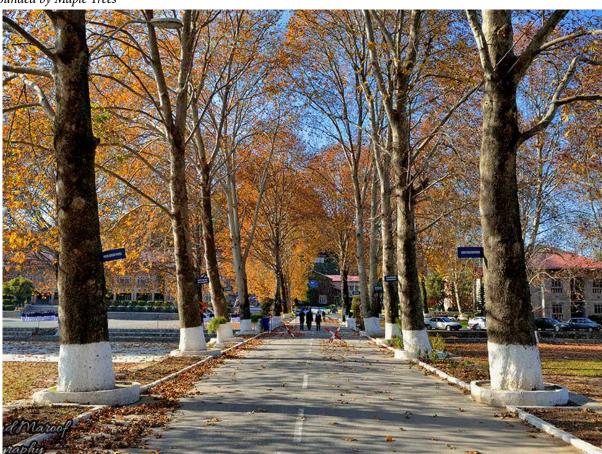






The College Drive Way, Surrounded by Maple Trees





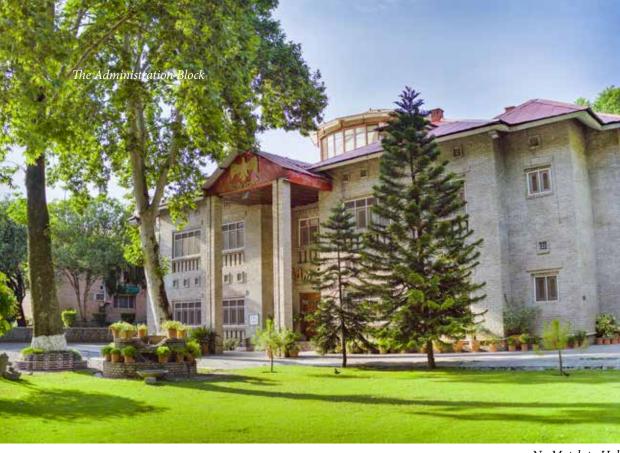




The Burn Down the Seasons









No Match to Hallians' Alma Mater!













Tess Block (MI Room)

Tess Block constructed in 1956, is situated besides SAS House, comprising MI Room, 4 classrooms and a staffroom for male faculty. The College Hospital is a well- equipped, 15-beds fully furnished hospital for the provision of medical care to the students. It functions under the supervision of College Medical Officer and two Nursing Assistants. It is a blessing for everyone in case of emergency and minor accidents at any time of the day. The kind care provided to the students helps them recover soon and makes them feel at home especially those who are away from their homes.

The history of the College hospital traces back to the Fathers. Initially it was in Thijssen block - an open and well -furnished area to the left side of the SAS House on 1st floor, which is now AHM's room. At present the College Hospital is located in front of the SAS House and opposite the Mosque. It was inaugurated by Maj Gen Raheel Sharif, HI (M), the then Commandant PMA/Deputy Chairman BOG on Jan 12, 2008. Owing to Sister Tess and May Flanagan's compassionate and dedicated services for the School, it was renamed as Tess Block in the year 2019.

Sister Tess Flanagan felt the calling to be a missionary at an early age and was blessed by the Lord to begin her missionary service in March 1944. She was appointed at Burn Hall School, and along with her sister, May Flanagan, taught the lower Kindergarten. They passionately served at Burn Hall School till 1965 and then from 1965 to 1996, at St. Mary's Academy Rawalpindi. They dedicated their entire lives to the education and character building of the Pakistani children. Lt. General Mumtaz Gul, HI(M), (Retd), Lt. General Munir Hafeez, HI(M), (Retd), and Barrister Waseem Sajjad are some of the towering personalities who were blessed to be taught by Sister Tess and May. The services of both the sisters were recognized by the Government of Pakistan when they were awarded Hilal- e- Imtiaz. The College Hospital has been dedicated to the memory of their compassionate services to Burn Hall School.





















Thijssen Block (Academics Block)

The main building of Senior Burn Hall School has been named as Thijssen Block. Father Herman Thijssen studied at Mill Hill colleges in Tilburg, Roosendaal and Mill Hill. He was ordained priest in 1932 in Mill Hill and appointed at Nellore, India. He played the most important role in establishing Burn Hall School in Srinagar in 1943. After partition of India in 1947, he migrated to Rawalpindi. Starting, managing and building schools was his special charisma, and it was not long after his arrival in Rawalpindi City that he got St. Mary's School up and running. He also established St. Mary's School in Peshawar. When in 1947, Burn Hall School was shifted from Srinagar, Fr. Thijssen once again played the leading role and opened the school once again in Abbottabad in 1948, with the assistance of Frs. Boerkamp, Scanlon and Mallet. Thus, he was the founding Principal of Burn Hall School Abbottabad. His contributions to turning Burn Hall as renowned academic institution are simply matchless. Therefore, due to his contributions, SAS Block is named as Thijssen Block.



The building was constructed in 1956 with the establishment of this iconic institution, in red brick and is the classic example of British architecture with wooden upper floor structure. The building, at present is located in the centre of the College Campus in front of the hockey ground. The dining hall is on one side and College library on the other side of this building. The British style legendary block comprises classrooms, a discussion room and fully equipped computer laboratories along with St. Gabriel House on the first floor, which was later named as Syed Ahmed Shaheed House. The House has a capacity of accommodating for more than 150 students along with HM's office, AHM's rooms, and a well-equipped common room with other allied facilities. One of the rooms on ground floor, once used to be the office and residence of Father Scanlon, has also been preserved.

It is the oldest and the most fascinating building in the Senior Campus- a symbol of Burn Hall's legacy and tradition. This historically significant structure has been preserved with great devotion to this day as an asset of incomparable worth. Many notable alumni, currently the great leaders of our country, treasure the memories of their school life especially the time spent in this Block has ineffaceable imprints on their minds.



serves as centre for the Board Exams of the College students besides internal exams, indoor sports and central classes.

Father Nicholas Hettinga was nominated the first Bishop of Prefecture of Kashmir and Kafiristan in 1947. In the aftermath of Indo Pak war of 1948 over Kashmir, the volatile political situation in Kashmir forced Bp. Hettinga to move Burn Hall School from Srinagar to Abbottabad. Initially, students were accommodated in a rented building but later on permanent site was acquired on Mansehra Road in Abbottabad to establish Burn Hall School. If he had not taken the decision for shifting Burn Hall from Srinagar to Abbottabad, there would have been no Burn Hall in Abbottabad today. He had also established St. John's School in Peshawar and was known as 'Qaid-e-Kalisia' of the Diocese of Rawalpindi, and is revered as 'Saint' by the people. On account of the role played by Bishop Hettinga, in shifting Burn Hall to Abbottabad and then expanding till Senior Burn Hall, as first Patron, this multipurpose hall has been named as Hettinga Hall.



Raheel Sharif Sports Complex

Since its inception, Burn Hall School has always laid due emphasis on the importance of games and sports for shaping and building the character and stamina of its students. As time passed, more sports facilities were added along with the expansion of other infrastructure. The well-equipped Squash Courts, state of the art Gymnasium, huge Swimming Pool and Lawn Tennis Courts were valuable addition meant to enable boys excel in the respective sport. Its foundation was laid by Maj. General Chaudhary Abdul Mujeeb, Chairman Board of Governors, Army Burn Hall Institutions, on December 03, 1986. Provision of the latest facilities and its extensive renovation by General Raheel Sharif, HI (M) added more to its worth.















ZIA BLOCK (COLLEGE SECTION)

As the institution was handed over to Pakistan Army in 1977, the need was felt to raise the School to College standard. Thus with the passionate efforts of the Principal Bashir Ahmed Malik and General Zia Ul Haq, the then Chief of Army Staff and first Patron in Chief, the School attained the standard of College. The two storeyed building of the College Section situated on the right side of the dining hall was added on 3rd May, 1979, with its foundation stone laid by Gen Muhammad Zia Ul Haq, President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Besides expansive classrooms for 1st year and 2nd year students and the Section Head's office, it also has a beautiful lawn in front, often used for Lawn Studies, prior to the board exams. Students have great affiliation with College Block as they wait for years to reach this standard and are blessed to leave the institution after two years of intensive studies here. The memories of College life linger with them throughout life no matter wherever they are.

Owing to his services to Burn Hall College, the College block has been named as Zia Block by the Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha.

SHANKS BLOCK (SCHOOL SECTION)

The two storied building of Shanks Block is situated in the middle of Thijssen Block and Johnson Hill.

Mgr. George Shanks was ordained priest on September 17, 1933. He was appointed as missionary in Punjab Mission in Kashmir. He started his ministry as a teacher in St. Joseph's College Baramulla and succeeded Father Alexander Andrews as Principal in 1941. At the end of 1942, a portion of the school was shifted to Srinagar and it was renamed as Burn Hall School by Father Shanks, after the name of his Alma Mater in England. In 1948, Burn Hall School was established in Abbottabad and he humbly accepted the giant responsibility of being the Headmaster, as he was the driving force behind establishing the school. He also rendered significant services in re-establishment of the Burn Hall School Srinagar. Owing to his long and passionate services to the institution, the School Block has been named as Shanks Block

The foundation stone of the building was laid by Lt Gen Syed Arif Hassan, HI(M) Commander 10 Corps Chairman BOG on 14th May, 2003 and was inaugurated by Lt Gen Sallah Ud Din, HI(M), SBT Chairman Board of Governors on January 05, 2006. The building of Shah Ismail Shaheed House formerly known as St. Michael's House is also located in this Block, with the capacity to accommodate more than 150 students along with HM's office, AHM's rooms, common room and other allied facilities. At present, it houses 9th and 10th classes with a front courtyard that is sometimes used for Morning Assembly. Section Head's office and offices of Biology and Pakistan Studies Department, 3 well-equipped Science laboratories and a computer lab with latest facilities are also a part of this section. The students promoted from middle section and the fresh intakes for vacant seats continue their studies of SSC I and II working hard eagerly to join the college section.











The state of the art College Auditorium is located in front of the hockey ground, with the B.A Malik Library on its right side. Its foundation stone was laid by Maj Gen Hamid Rab Nawaz, HI (M), the then Commandant PMA / Deputy Chairman BOG on 21 May, 2003. In recognition to the most dedicated services of Rev. Father Francis Scanlon, the first Principal of the College (1956-64), with the longest tenure of service in the history of College, the ultra-modern auditorium was named as Scanlon Hall by the then Principal, Brig. Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, (L)qsl(T).



Father Francis Scanlon was one of the most impeccable missionaries who had served Burn Hall. His priestly life started in 1940. He remained the Principal of Burn Hall School from 1956 to 1964 and from 1965 to 1971. He not only administered the School single handedly but he was also an effective teacher. During his stay, the school reached the heights of excellence and his pupils cherish the times spent under him in the campus. Moreover, the alumni of his times achieved high stature in their careers and are renowned for their contributions towards image building of the country.

The Scanlon Hall houses 750 seats with a magnificent stage, side rooms, basements, main lobby and wash-room facilities. It is the heart of the institution as numerous College level social and co-curricular events including All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Competition are held in this august Hall. It is also alternative venue for Parents Day function and Morning Assembly, in case of inclement weather. Movies are also shown to students and the faculty members in the same auditorium on regular basis on weekends.

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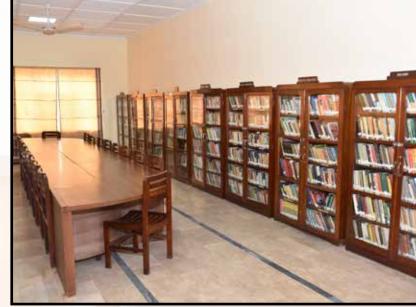


Library is the soul of an educational institution that determines the intellectual health of its members. It is a source to enrich the minds of the students with the valuable knowledge stocked in the books on different subjects and topics. Senior Burn Hall School has been blessed with this paradise of learning right from the start i.e 1956. The first College library was located in Thijssen Block. Later it was shifted to the present building constructed in 1973. In 2017, the library was uplifted with provision of more books, educational CDs and e-link, and was named after Brigadier Bashir Ahmed Malik, the first Army Principal of the College.

Brig. Bashir Ahmed Malik remained the Principal of Burn Hall School, from 1977 to 1982. He was the first Muslim Principal of Burn Hall School, after it was handed over to Pakistan Army in 1977. He had the longest tenure at Burn Hall after Fathers. During the time of Brig, B.A Malik, there had been systematic development of BOG, staff salaries and reinforcement of academics. In 1979, College Block was constructed and in 1981, Principal's House, a Squash Court, a Tennis Court and Basketball Court were added to the College Campus. During his last days, in 1982, 4 Married Officers Quarters for teachers were also constructed. Owing to his services to Burn Hall, the College Library has been named as B.A Malik library after its major renovation in 2017.

Currently it has a collection of about 8600 books and more than 3 million e-books and articles which contain an ocean of knowledge and wisdom for the Hallians to quench their thirst of learning and develop the habit of learning. The library in charge and the assistant librarian are available for the students to facilitate them to take maximum benefit and develop a deeper insight on all spheres of life. No doubt, College library is the most peaceful and soothing corner in the Campus and has no match in beauty and benefit.















Frontal view of Junior Campus











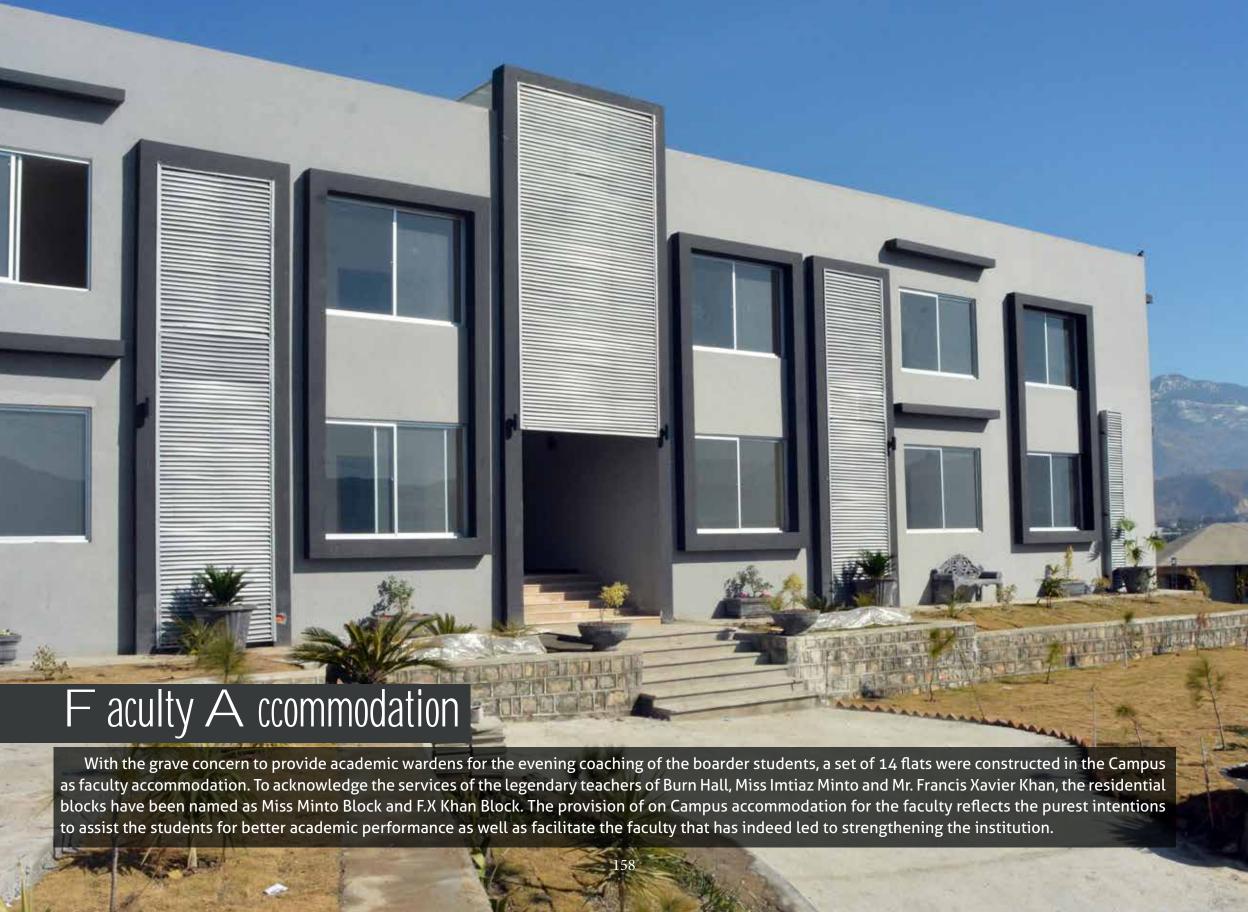
Johnson Hill (School Hill)

THE SCHOOL HILL IS A BLESSING IN THE COLLEGE, OVERLOOKING ABBOTTABAD TOWN TILL AS LONG AS MIRPUR RANGES OF THE PMA, KAKUL AND SNOW COVERED PEAKS OF KAGHAN AND NARAN. THE HILL IS COVERED WITH DENSELY PLANTED PINE TREES AND NICELY PLACED BENCHES, WHERE STUDENTS RELAX AND ENJOY THE BRACING BREEZE. REPORTEDLY, THE SCHOOL HILL, AN ICONIC FIGURE IN THE CAMPUS WAS ACTUALLY CONCEIVED, PLANTED, LANDSCAPED AND DEVELOPED INTO A PICNIC SPOT BY FATHER ARTHUR JOHNSON. BESIDES, HE ALSO LOOKED AFTER THE EXTENSIVE GROUNDS AND MOWED THE GRASS OF THE PLAYING FIELDS. FATHER ARTHUR JOHNSON WAS ORDAINED PRIEST ON JUNE 29, 1944 AND APPOINTED TO THE PREFECTURE OF KAFIRISTAN AND KASHMIR. IN THE BEGINNING HE WORKED IN CHAK 36 S.B. NEAR SARGODHA. HIS LAST YEARS WERE SPENT IN BURN HALL SCHOOL, ABBOTTABAD WHERE HE SERVED AS HOUSEMASTER AND TEACHER OF ENGLISH AND ALSO DIRECTED PLAYS. HIS SILVER JUBILEE PARTY WAS CELEBRATED IN ABBOTTABAD ON THE SAME HILL. HE DIED IN ABBOTTABAD ON 3RD JANUARY, 1974. ACKNOWLEDGING HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND STRONG AFFILIATION WITH THE HILL, IT HAS BEEN NAMED AS JOHNSON HILL, IN JANUARY, 2018 (100 YEARS OF HIS BIRTHDAY).

HALLIANS CARRY NOSTALGIC FEELINGS WITH THE SCHOOL HILL AND HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THEIR BOARDING LIFE. STUDENTS LOVE TO GO TO THE HILL TOP TO ENJOY THE COOL, FRESH BREEZE AND A FANTASTIC VIEW OF THE COLLEGE. IT ALSO SERVES AS A VISITORS' RESORT FOR PARENTS ON WEEKENDS TO MEET THEIR WARDS. RECENTLY, STUDENTS' CAFÉ, AN APT PLACE FOR MUSIC CONCERTS HAVE ADDED BEAUTY TO IT. THE FASCINATING LANDSCAPE IS A SIGN OF FATHER JOHNSON'S STAUNCH AFFILIATION WITH HALLIANS AND HIS ARDENT LOVE FOR NATURE.























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With the divine guidance and His abundant grace, the establishment of Burn Hall School in Pakistan has been a blessing for the entire nation as it has played a phenomenal role in educating and refining its students and preparing Pakistan's prime leadership. Its significant contribution in the field of education has made it one of the backbone institutions of the country. To acknowledge the services of Burn Hall and mark its Golden Jubilee in 1993, Pakistan Postal Service issued Special Postal Stamp. The then President of Pakistan Waseem Sajjad (an Old Hallian), along with the help of College Administration and Alumni made it possible and it was issued in time.

In the year 2018, as Burn Hall completed its 75 years of excellence, the Government of Pakistan issued another dedicatory stamp across the country on March 05, 2018 that not only highlighted its exemplary services but also heightened the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Epilogue

Receiving a legacy is a blessing yet it endows gigantic responsibility on the shoulders of each and every individual who tastes its glory. To carry on the missionary zeal and service is a privilege as well as an onerous challenge that must be met with boundless courage. It demands dedicating ourselves anew to the meritorious service of imparting knowledge, building personalities, instilling values and contributing positively in the lives of our children. The enormity of the task cannot be denied; never the less, when the intentions are true, the Heavenly guidance holds our hands and leads us to the way to achieve what seems impossible. This edition of the Coffee Table Book is an inspiration for the Hallian Family to walk in the footsteps of the iconic legends of Burn Hall. What made them different was their devotion, faithfulness and unimpeachable integrity and character that is looked for today, to maintain excellence in perpetuity. The time is ripe that we must be even more fervently committed to renew our vision as we remember our past. May our trust in the Creator-the Fountain of all blessings, bind us together and keep the Divine spark inside each of us so that we can be a light to our dear Hallians and may a glow of religious sublimation characterize their lives making them an inspiration for many. May the hearts of those who seek and strive for its glory and lead many to uprightness, be filled with sheer bliss. Chamin!



