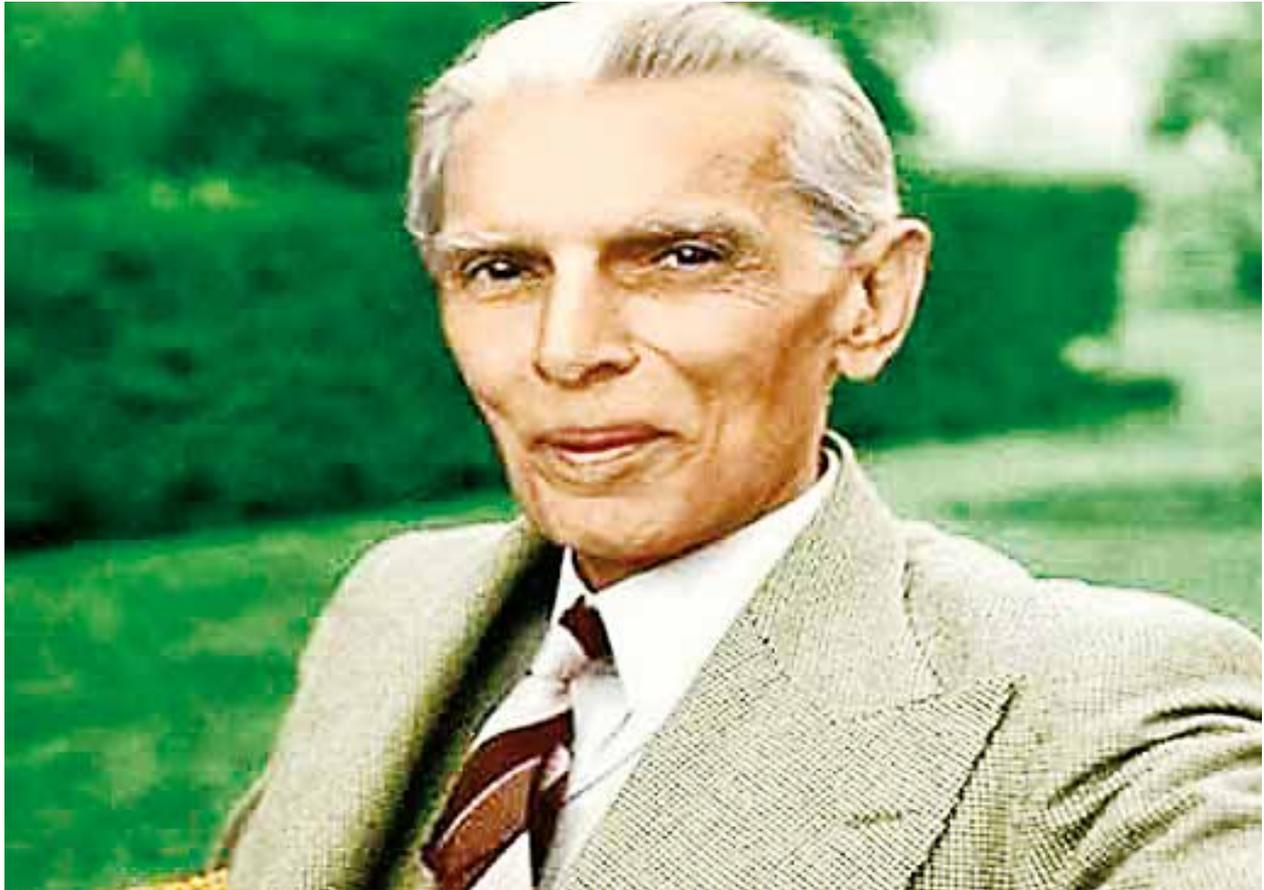


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Allah will raise those who believe among you, and those who have knowledge,
to high ranks.

Quo Non Ascendam

(To what heights can I not rise)



“You must learn to distinguish between your love for your province and your love and duty to the State, as a whole. Our duty to the State takes us a stage beyond provincialism. It demands a broader sense of vision, and (a) greater sense of patriotism. Our duty to the State often demands that we must be ready to submerge our individual or provincial interests into the common cause for common good. Our duty to the State comes first: our duty to our Province, to our district, to our town and to our village and ourselves comes next.”

[Muhammad Ali Jinnah; April 12, 1948]



Quo Non Ascendam

The origin of our motto can be traced from France back in 17th century, linked with Nicolas Fouquet, the then finance minister of France. First time the motto Quo non ascendet appeared on the coat arms of Fouquet's family, a symbol of rapid ascension, "Is there a position to which he will not rise?"

Golden Eagle is one of the best-known birds in the Northern Hemisphere. It is considered as the deadliest natural hunting weapon, and the most cherished birds. In attack mode it is one of the fastest animals on earth and lethal aerial predator in the animal kingdom. Golden eagles are found in early cultures and older religions as well as national and military insignias, with reverence.

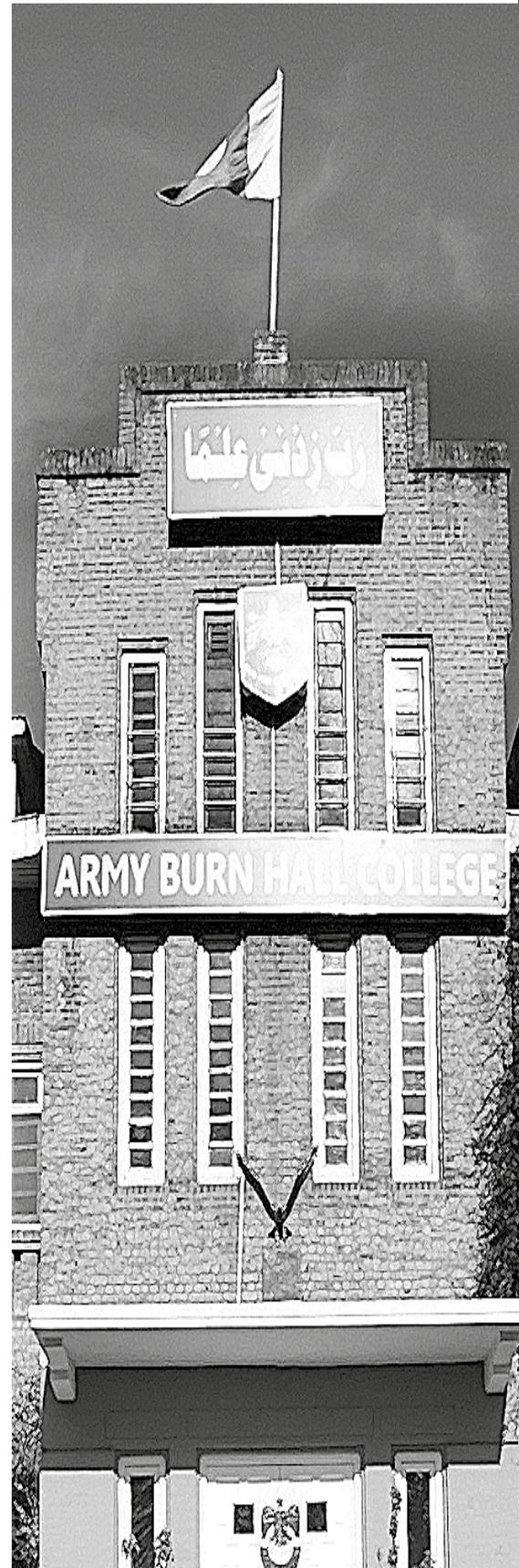
The symbolic meaning of the golden eagle is that of strong will, empowerment, and comes into our lives as a message that an inevitable opportunity or door is beginning to surface and will open, therefore will be received, hence, finds linkages with the motto Quo Non Ascendam.

The impressive monogram with inspirational motto "Quo Non Ascendam" a Latin phrase stimulates students' inner capability, their self-confidence and ability to do.



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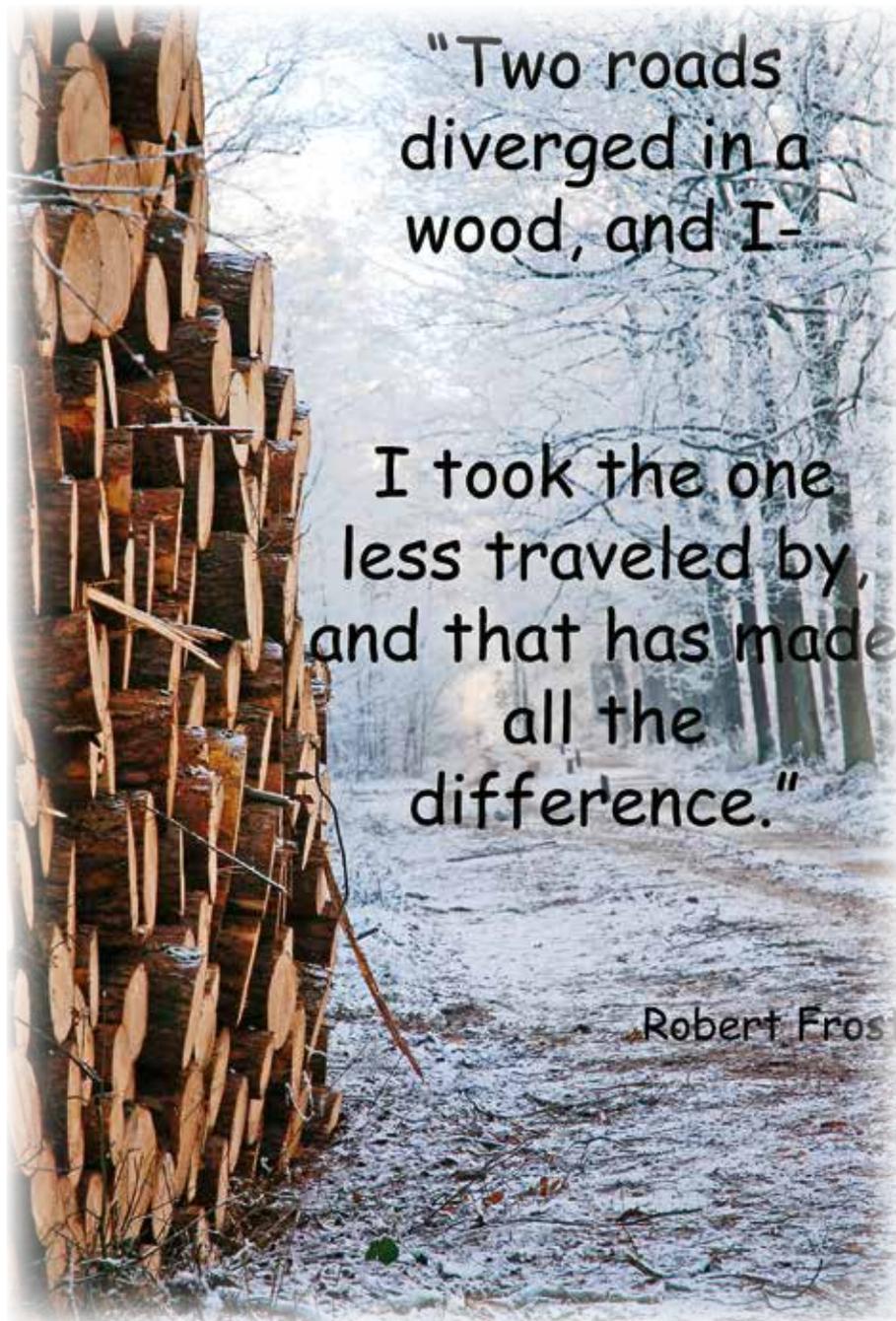
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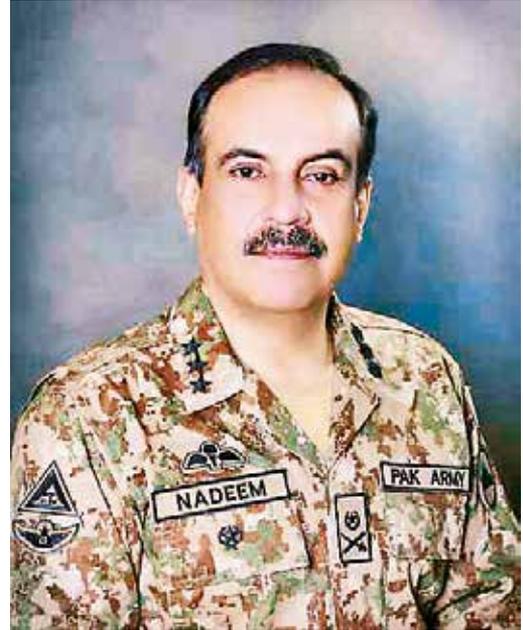
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Message of the **Chairman Board of Governors**

Education is the most powerful weapon, which can impact the nations and change the world. Education must consist of a series of enchantments, each raising the individual to a higher level of kinship, knowledge and understanding with every human being. Thus, role of a school is not only to pursue academic excellence but to empower its students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers and productive members of an ever changing global society.



Army Burn Hall College for Boys is one such institution of the country, which is well aware of its obligations towards wholesome grooming of young Hallians. The progress made over the years is heartening and provides sufficient solace and satisfaction. As a Chairman Board of Governors, I fully acknowledge the fact that the younger generation is real asset of a nation and that they can be put on the right path only through imparting quality education and wholesome personality development programs. Only then, they can be guided and motivated to utilize their energies in facing the new challenges of life. Therefore, imparting quality education to posterity is the noblest of all tasks. This can only be achieved when a better level of coordination exists between students and dedicated and committed staff. Fortunately the College is blessed in this regard and efforts are continuing towards 'Quo Non Ascendam'.

The colourful magazine of the College, speaks volume about the quality enterprise and unending endeavours put in by the young Hallians for which the Editorial Board and all those associated with the publication deserve appreciation.

May Allah be your guide and protector, Ameen!

Lieutenant General Nadeem Raza, HI (M)
Commander 10 Corps, Chaklala

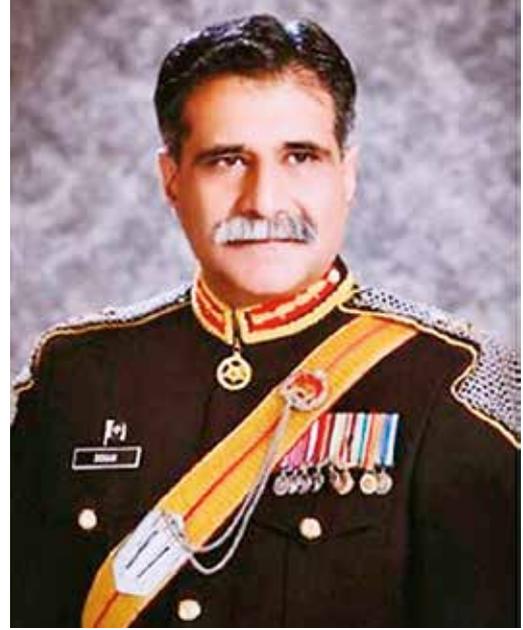


”There is more
wisdom in your body
than in your deepest
philosophies.”

Friedrich Nietzsche

Message of the **Deputy Chairman Board of Governors**

I am pleased to record my impressions for the Hallians through 'The Hallmark'. The magazine is true manifestation of rich legacy of Burn Hall and show-cases literary potentials of its students. I appreciate the efforts invested by the College Faculty to nourish the creative skills of Hallians.



Army Burn Hall College for Boys enjoys a unique distinction among the illustrious institutions of the Country. The College, in fact, inspires the feelings of elation and confidence, and symbolises the intellectual, social and moral values it needs to instil. It gives me immense comfort, as the Deputy Chairman Board of Governors, that Burn Hall is making concerted efforts to channelise the energies of our youth to a positive direction. Therefore, I advise all the Hallians that they should realise their foremost duty by receiving quality education to become patriotic and useful members of the society. I urge all the components of Burn Hall to consider themselves as the custodians of a sacred trust, so that they should acquire the character and discipline that is revealed in words and deeds.

In the end, I compliment the Editorial Board for quality publication of 'The Hallmark'. Wish you the best of luck and God-speed in all future endeavours.

Major General Abdullah Dogar, HI(M)
Commandant Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul



**SUFFER
THE PAIN OF
DISCIPLINE
OR
SUFFER
THE PAIN OF
REGRET**

From the Office of the Principal

It endows distinct pleasure to record my impressions on the Hallmark 2017, a magazine much cherished with mesmerizing events, full of intense activities and academic brilliance, something to be really proud of.



Burn Hall is a world in itself, having culture of its own, with diaspora spread across the Continents, each carrying distinctive personality traits, character attributes and wherewithal par excellence. Faculties nurtured here serve as an edifice for the paragon of virtue and morality. Burn Hall is passing through tremendous transformation. We have embarked upon a comprehensive programme to revive the best past practices, particularly those which may help in building refined personality traits, demeanour and academic credentials of the students, besides competitive grades in various examinations. The results are not an end rather means to measure upto the motto; Quo Non Ascendam, which is upheld like a religious dogma and moral precept.

Our achievements bear testimony to the best of high spirited Hallians, commitment of our faculty and trust of parents, a triika considered imperative to cast Future of our Future generation. Fortunately, each member of my team is geared up to deliver beyond limits and pave way for even better standards in the times to come.

May the Almighty be our guide and protector. Ameen!

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From the Desk of Editor

Dear Reader,

We proffer another bouquet of our humble efforts in the shape of 'The Hallmark', our traditional College Magazine.

Contemporary education demands dynamism from educational institutions. Assessing the challenges, to be confronted by the future leadership in the near future, needs thorough polishing of the end product from all aspects. The pulse of the public demand and the befitting response of our college can well be seen in the kaleidoscopic presentation of our magazine – the way Army Burn Hall College polishes the Hallians. No more, our students are passive listeners and learners but active and enterprising participants. The College provides the opportunities and the students respond and activate their latent talents and abilities and master the art of 'Quo Non Ascendam', and it is this basic concept which glitters in the forthcoming contents of this journal. At Burn Hall, all our efforts are being made for making Hallians to stand out as fully groomed, successful and positive citizens of the nation, to play a productive role in the progress of the country.

The magazine reflects the Hallians' activities round the year, the informative articles, the important events, the achievements and honours, the College teams, Clubs and Houses reports and all the colours of life at the Campus.

I am sure you will enjoy every page of it, and would love to have it on your study tables.

With very sincere prayers and the best wishes for the prosperity and glory of Burn Hall, and all those who are and have been related to this great institution. I say Allah Hafiz to you, till the publication of the next issue.

**Mrs. Nabila Hassan
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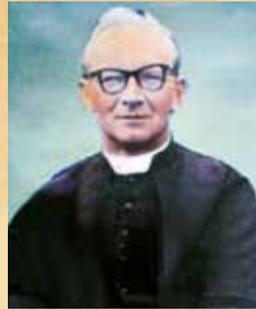


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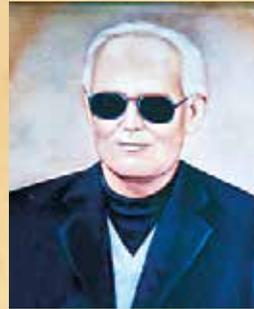
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(1956-71)



N. Turner
(1971-72)



M. Conroy
(1973-74)



J. Klaver
(1974-76)



Brig B.A Malik
(13 Jan 1977)



Brig Abdul Sattar
(01 Jan 1983)



Brig Zahur Ahmed
(01 Nov 1987)



Brig Irfan Aziz Malik
(10 Nov 1992)



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(07 Jul 1996)



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13 Jan 1999



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13 Sep 2000



Brig M. Asif
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14 Aug 2007



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18 Aug 2012



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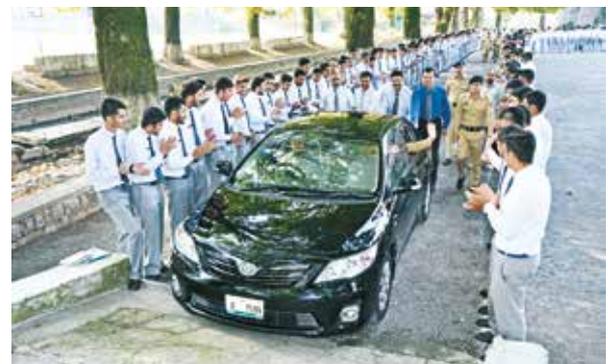
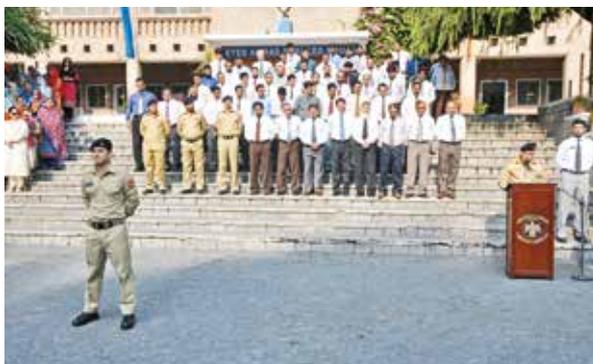


Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha
30 Sep 2016

Change of Command

Army Burn Hall College for Boys bade adieu to Brig Muhammad Mukhtar in an elegant ceremony arranged at the Campus. The ceremony was held on September 28, 2016. The new Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, and the faculty members appreciated the efforts of Brig Mukhtar Muhammad for running the College in a befitting manner. The institution achieved many milestones during his tenure as a Principal.

In his farewell speech, Brig Mukhtar Muhammad talked about his rich experience and long journey through Burn Hall. He thanked all the faculty members and the administrative staff for their support in making Army Burn Hall College a better place for students to explore their hidden talents and become a useful member of the society. In the end, there was an impressive display from Army School of Music in the honour of Brig Muhammad Mukhtar. The Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, the faculty members and the students bade him farewell with best wishes for his future endeavours in a special morning assembly, held in his honour.



Dine-Out of Faculty



Lt Col Muhammad Khalid receiving the College Shield



The Principal is presenting College Shield to Prof Javed Iqbal on his retirement



The Principal is presenting the College Shield to Lt Col Rooh Ul Amin (Retd), Ex-Academic Coordinator



Lt Col Muhammad Siddique (Retd) is receiving the College Shield



Maj Kaleem Abbas (Ex-Adjutant) is receiving the College Shield from the Principal



Mrs. Rubina Sohail is receiving the College Shield from the Principal



Mr. Tashfeen Abbasi, Ex- HoD English Department, is receiving souvenir from the Principal



The Principal is presenting a gift to Mrs. Irum Askar (Chemistry Department)

ANNUAL PARENTS' DAY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY, 2016

Principal's Report

Honourable Chief Guest Lt. Gen Tariq Khan, Distinguished Guests, Dear Students, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Assalam-o-Alaikum

I warmly welcome you all to the Annual Parents' Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony 2016 of Army Burn Hall College for Boys. Your presence has added grace and glory to this momentous occasion and is really a source of honour for us. I am highly grateful to Lt Gen Tariq Khan for gracing us with his presence as the Chief Guest of the day. Not only the Hallians present here in the campus but the old boys are equally delighted to see you visiting your *Alma Mater*.



Ladies and Gentlemen!

Army Burn Hall College for Boys figures prominently among the country's illustrious public institutions. It is a premier institution of its class, which provides a perfect environment for students to rise up to their potential and confront the future challenges. It has produced men of eminence in nearly all fields for the service of motherland. I may mention that education is not only achieving a degree but its ultimate objective should be to produce useful and disciplined citizens of a country. And by the grace of Allah, we are doing our best to fulfil this resolve and pledge to offer proud, patriotic and promising generation of Hallians to the Nation.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

This day marks the culmination of another purposeful and fruitful academic session. It also reflects our achievements of on-going academic year and to set new goals and priorities for the coming year.

Parents' Day is an annual event in our calendar wherein all curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities at the campus are taken stock of and presented to the parents for their knowledge and satisfaction. Parents are a very vital force in the phenomenon of education and we have always valued their constructive input and patronage.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

You would be delighted to know that this year the College has produced best results ever in its last five years. Our Matric, 1st and 2nd year results have been a great source of satisfaction for the college faculty and administration. Likewise our senior Cambridge result has also been commendable.

- In SSC part-II exam, 209 students appeared. Overall 93% students secured 1st Division and around 70% achieved A1 and A grades.
- In SSC part-I exam, 179 students appeared. 84% students secured 1st Division and around 57% clinched A1 and A grades.
- In HSSC part-II exam, 192 students appeared. 82% students secured 1st Division and 55% clinched A1 and A grades.



- In HSSC part-I exam, 199 students appeared. 76% students secured 1st Division and 52% obtained A1 and A grades.
- In O-Level exam, 27 students appeared. The total number of A1 and A grades are 77. The overall GPA was 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Besides, focusing on the achievement of academic excellence, the College pays due emphasis on personality development of its students, regular co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are organised which include various events like debates, declamations, *Qiraat*, *Hamd-o-Naat*, Quiz as well as numerous sports competitions. Hallians are also provided ample opportunities to visit the leading educational institutions of the country to take part in various competitions. This year, our students participated in the All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest at Cadet College Hassan Abdal, Pakistan Scout Cadet College Batrasi, PAF School and College Sargoda and Lawrance College, Ghoragali. I am proud to say that our orators clinched the trophy of All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest held at Lawrance College Ghora Gali and brought levels to the institution.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Towards sports, in last one month alone, we contested two sports fixtures with Military College Murree and Chand Bagh Public School Muridke Lahore. With Military College Murree, our teams won the Cricket and Football matches while Basketball match was ended in a draw. The series of matches was won by Army Burn Hall College for Boys. The 2nd sports fixture with Chand Bagh Public School Muridke Lahore was also won by Hallians with 3-1.

Worthy Audience!

Alongside academic and field events Hallians have prepared projects in respective Clubs under the supervision of their teachers. The same have been displayed in the Clubs exhibition, which you will witness shortly after this ceremony. A look at the exhibition will give you an insight to the creative potential and indigenous performance of the young Hallians.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

These results and activities clearly reflect the untiring and dedicated efforts of the faculty and the hard work of Hallians. Parents should therefore, be rightly proud of the trust reposed in the institution, which is so dear and closer to our hearts.

My report will be incomplete if I fail to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Board of Governors, other Heads of the Military and civil institutions particularly the PMA, Army PT School Kakul, the Regimental Centres and law enforcing agencies whose help and support was always forthcoming. Above all, we are grateful to all parents for their tremendous co-operation and faith in all our undertakings and enterprises enabling us to focus on their off-springs.

Towards revival of our rich traditions and proud legacy of Hallians, I am eagerly looking forward to a grand union, very soon *Insha Allah*. In this regard I forward again looking towards Lt Gen Tariq Khan for patronage and guidance.

So once again thank you all ladies and gentlemen and special gratitude to Begum and Lt Gen Tariq Khan for being with us this morning.

May Allah, lead us all on the right path, for the progress and prosperity of our motherland Ameen!

Long Live Burn Hall!

Long Live Pakistan!

Chief Guest's Address

Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha, Principal Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Faculty Members and Dear Students:

Assalam-o-Alaikum

I am highly pleased and honoured to be among you on this auspicious occasion of Annual Parents Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony, 2016. I am grateful to the Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha for providing me an opportunity to meet the distinguished members of the faculty and smart, vibrant and radiant young Hallians. It is, indeed, a pleasure to experience the joy and delight of this very festive and colourful event.



Ladies and Gentlemen!

The present era poses daunting challenges of unprecedented circumstances in every sphere of life and human endeavour. It is of paramount significance that we adapt to the changing environment, while remaining focused on the aims and objectives of our educational system in consonance with the present day requirements. This is where, the role of educational institutions become focal, in preparing the students to fight against the evils of society, particularly the extremist views and erroneous practices of the religion. All this would require enhancing the vision of the students beyond a narrow scope. They should be able to analyze various happenings objectively and play their role in the development and prosperity of the country. Here comes the role of teachers to guide and expose their students to the realities of life in its true context and background without prejudice to anyone.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

I must say that the true grace of a student becomes luminous with integrity, honesty and devotion to his studies. The need of the day is to equip the students with quality education, ethics and morality, leadership qualities and above all good character, in order to be dynamic young men and useful citizens, with fully developed personalities. The number of Hallians undergoing training at Pakistan Military Academy and other military training academies assign it the status of a feeder institution to Armed Forces Academics and a virtual leadership academy. Having learnt from the Principal's Report and seen the development, the College has an excellent infrastructure and competent faculty. I can say with confidence that Army Burn Hall College is alive to its needs of sustaining the standards. It has achieved and is maximising the potential for growth and expression. The students studying here are among these a few lucky and privileged ones who are blessed with an opportunity to be associated with an institution of such a high standard and repute. Army Burn Hall College is rightly proud of its achievements and history. I hope and pray that it should make progress by leaps and bounds. Education teaches us tolerance, sympathy, good temper, love and kindness. You must absorb this spirit and express it through your conduct and deeds.



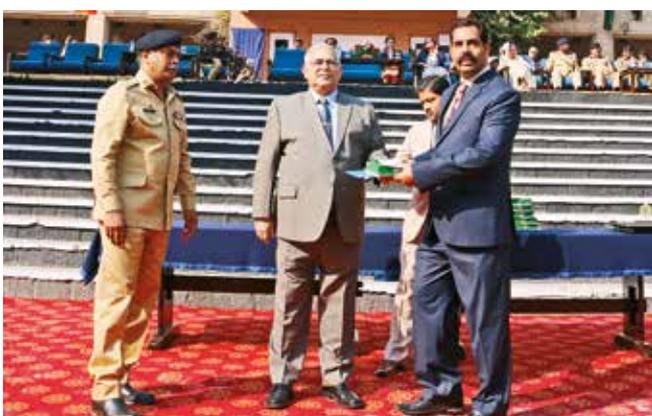
Ladies and Gentlemen!

In the end, let me once again thank the Principal for affording me an opportunity to witness today's function. I congratulate all those who have won medals, prizes and certificates of distinction. I also congratulate the parents and teachers, for it is due to their efforts that the achievement of prize winners became possible. I compliment the organisers of today's function for organising this event in a befitting manner. I sincerely hope and pray that all of us, realising our respective responsibilities, continue striving for excellence to live up to the College motto "To What Heights Can I Not Rise".

Thank you.

Glimpses of Parents' Day Ceremony, 2016







ANNUAL PARENTS' DAY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY, 2017

College Prefect's Welcome Address

Honourable Chief Guest, Major General Abdullah Dogar, HI (M) Comdt Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, respected parents, worthy members of the Faculty and Dear fellow Hallians:

Assalam-o-Alaikum

I, Mian Mustafa Shah, the College Prefect, welcome you all to Burn Hall on this special occasion of Annual Parents' Day 2017. Today is really an exciting and a red-letter day for all of us. Your generous presence here has increased our happiness manifold. We welcome our worthy Chief Guest, Major General Abdullah Dogar, HI (M), Comdt Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, for gracing this occasion with his presence, sparing time out of his tight schedule. Sir, it's indeed your commitment to the cause of education and affiliation with the College for which we really owe you a lot.



Ladies and Gentlemen!

Burn Hall is a world in itself – a world fully equipped with training and grooming facilities. It's an ideal *Alma Mater* where we Hallians are groomed as future leaders. We are encouraged to polish our talent; feel safe and live like comrades. It is like a mini Pakistan with all its linguistic and regional diversity but definitely with the dominant spirit of being Pakistani. These core values provide us with a sense of national pride as Pakistanis in all aspects of College life.

Dear Parents!

Here, at the College every one of us gets a field of our taste – drama, debates, *naat*, *qiraat* competition, quiz Competition, adventure training, various clubs and so many sports imaginable under the enthusiastic and expert guidance of our highly qualified and motivated faculty and coaches.

Worthy Audience!

Burn Hall is a unique place of unimaginable opportunities. Hallians always keep in their minds the College motto *Quo Non Ascendam*, 'to what heights can I not rise' in all fields of education and training – in their social, sports, curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities – they move with this spirit everywhere; they accept every challenge, every trial with this spirit.

Here, I would like to thank my dedicated teachers for their guidance and preparing us for future challenges. We are thankful to all those who, one way or the other, are contributing in our making. Thank you all, Ladies and Gentlemen, for making today a memorable day for us. Hope you will enjoy the presentation and display of young Hallians. God Bless you all.

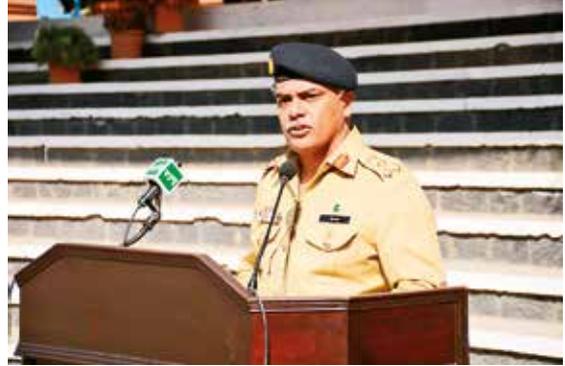
Army Burn Hall College *Zindabad*
Pakistan Pains bad
Thanks, indeed!

Principal's Report

Honourable Chief Guest Major Gen Abdullah Dogar, HI (M) Comdt Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, Distinguished Guests, Dear Hallians, Ladies & Gentlemen:

Assalam-o-Alaikum

I feel privileged to welcome you all on the Annual Parents Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony 2017. It is indeed a matter of great pleasure and honour for us to have you here in the College. I am especially thankful to the honourable Chief Guest who spared his precious time for us and graced this ceremony as Chief Guest. Sir, your presence here is a great source of motivation and inspiration for the young Hallians and their parents.



Ladies and Gentlemen!

Educational institutions are the bedrock on which stands the entire national edifice. The stature of the educational institutions is determined by the quality of their end-product and service these graduates render to the society and the nation at large. *ALHAMDOLILLAH*, we are proud of our distinguished *alumni* who have risen to the highest positions in the civil and military services. The college is still fulfilling its sacred mission with commitment, devotion and a deep sense of responsibility. The environment is vibrant and conducive to polish the latent abilities of Hallians and strengthening their moral and intellectual character.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Today's function, apart from its glamour, also provides an opportunity to reflect on our achievements of the ongoing year and set new goals and priorities for the coming year.

Hallians have always shown great determination to adapt themselves to the needs of newer challenges which are becoming more formidable with every passing year. The academic performance of Hallians has been remarkable this year. We produced the ever best results at SSC and HSSC levels. In HSSC part-II exam 165 students appeared, 97 secured A1 and A grades, while 58 students obtained B grade. All students were placed in 1st Division which is the highest in the last five years. Here, I would like to mention that Danish Ali Khan, one of our bright students of Pre-Medical Group, secured 1017 marks in the Board examination. Another bright Hallian, Muhammad Hamza, passed out from Air Force Academy as Aviation Cadet with the coveted Sword of Honour on 9th Oct, 2017. In HSSC part-I exam 188 students appeared, 80 secured A1 and A grades while 60 students secured B grades. 175 students were placed in 1st Division and the class GPA remained 4.12.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

A total of 167 students appeared in the SSC Part-II exams. 118 students secured A1 and A grades i.e. 70.65 % of the total, which is ever-highest. The overall GPA is 5.01 which is again the ever best, since last three decades. In the SSC part-I exam, 179 students appeared, 145 achieved A1 and A grades whereas 176 students were placed in 1st Division. The class GPA was 5.31. In the



O-level exam 32 students appeared. The number of A1, A and B grades obtained by the students is 188.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Besides academic excellence, the College pays due emphasis on the personality development of its students. It is important to mention here that for the first time Intra-House Competitions were held so that each and every Hallian can get a chance to explore his hidden talent on the stage. Similarly after a break of almost 12x years, swimming Gala Competitions were organised in which the students participated enthusiastically and manifested their talent in excelling others.

Hallians are also provided an opportunity to visit the prominent institutions of the country in various competitions. This year our teams participated in the Declamation Contest held at Abbottabad Public School, Military College Jhelum, Lawrance College Ghora Gali and Cadet College Batrasi. In all these institutions, our Hallians clinched awards and trophies.

The College, after years, organised Triangular Sports Championship comprising the teams of Military College Jhelum, Cadet College Kohat and Lawrence College Ghora Gali in Cricket, Football, Hockey and Basketball. Overall trophy was clinched by Army Burn Hall College. Our College teams are geared up to compete with Aitcheson College Lahore, Chand Bagh Cadet College and Cadet College Larkana in the coming days.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

These results and activities clearly reflect the untiring and dedicated efforts of our faculty and the students. Let the parents feel satisfied that their sons are undergoing quality training in this great institution of the country.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

I must say that our policy over here is not to accept and reinforce the existing attitudes and habits but to mould these young boys with wholesome growth into dynamic frame of personalities. The students here not only excel in the academics, but also have their roots firmly planted in our rich cultural and religious moorings with progressive outlook on life. These objectives are achievable only with dedicated and concentrated efforts of all those who are connected with this College.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

At the end, I would like to extend my gratitude to the worthy Chief Guest, Major General Abdullah Dogar, HI (M) Comdt Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, for sparing his precious time for us, my thanks remain to all the parents and guests for honouring us with their presence here today and reposing trust in our standard and policies. My special thanks to PMA Kakul, Army PT School, Army School of Music, Regimental Centers and civil administration of Abbottabad, intelligence and law enforcing agencies Print and Electronic Media in helping us achieving our objectives.

May Allah grant us the strength and wisdom to lead these young students on the right path.
(Ameen)

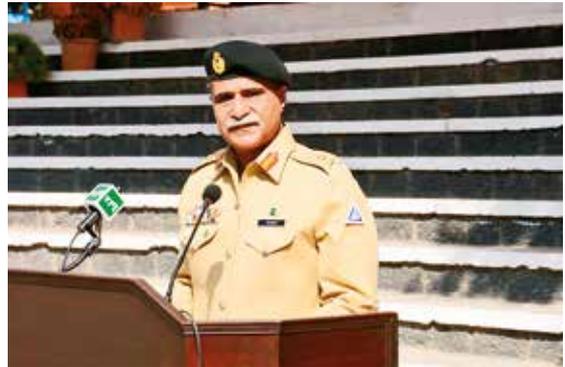
God Bless Hallians!
Pakistan Zindabad!

Chief Guest's Address

Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha, Principal Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Respected Parents, Members of the Faculty, Distinguished Guests and my Dear Hallians:

Assalam-o-Alaikum!

It is a unique honour and privilege for me to be amongst you on this auspicious occasion of Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of Army Burn Hall College for boys. At this particular moment, my mind is full of thoughts of my own school days, when I was taught and groomed by my teachers at this great institution. Believe in me throughout the function, I was imagining and placing myself at different places of the college when I was a student here. No doubt I am proud of being one of the *alumni* of Burn Hall - a proud Hallian.



Ladies and Gentlemen!

A public school like Burn Hall is not only different in its outlook; it also has higher objectives to achieve in the academic and social life of the young students. Here education and allied activities are imparted in a way to produce versatile, dedicated, self-disciplined, well-motivated, well-groomed and dynamic young men, who can positively contribute towards the development and prosperity of the country. With all the efforts made in the realm of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities as enunciated by the Principal, I can proudly proclaim that Burn Hall is playing a pivotal role in imparting quality education along with character building, personality development and overall grooming of youth from all parts of the country. Its ever increasing fame among the parents is testimony to this fact.

The role of faculty becomes very important when we talk of personality development, overall grooming and fostering creativity, originality and positive thinking among the students. Members of the faculty must realise that a heavy responsibility lies on their shoulders as the destiny of the nation rests with them. Teaching is a sacred job; it is very demanding and it has to be accepted with seriousness of mind. I am confident that the faculty is conscious of the sacredness of their duties. Please look after your students in the best possible manners; also extend a helping hand to the administration and parents to make Burn Hall the envy of other institutions in the country.

My Dear Hallians!

With all the facilities and infrastructure in place, it becomes incumbent upon you to take full advantage of these opportunities. You must do your utmost and strive for the best. You will reap the fruit of your best efforts only when you inculcate the high standards of discipline, moral values and



patriotism in yourself. Stretch yourself to the last limit in achieving the highest standard in these fields. You are the future of this country.

Dear Students!

Remember, your parents are rendering a great deal of sacrifices for your education. Come up to the expectations of your parents through excellent performance in academics. Try to become humane doctors, excellent engineers and conscientious government servants. Be cognisant of your responsibilities as student at present. Devote all your energies towards relevant and scientific knowledge which is useful for you in particular and for the development of Pakistan in general. Work hard for excellence in education and steer your motherland to the path of progress and prosperity being future leaders of Pakistan.

Dear Hallians!

Today's shows were really spectacular, a true reflection of Hallian standard, clear manifestation of your natural talent, aptitude, hard work and ability to outshine in a variety of ways. You really deserve commendation by all of us. Well done! Keep it up.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

I congratulate all the students who have been awarded medals and trophies especially the Champion House for their outstanding performance in various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. I also congratulate the Best House Master and members of the faculty who have won the Best Teacher Award.

I also take the opportunity to congratulate the Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, and his team for the constructive and creative changes introduced for uplifting of the College I am extremely happy to see my Alma Mater in a sparkling condition; flourishing. I find everything in fine shape. I am confident that in the time to come, the College will *Insha-Allah* achieve even greater milestones.

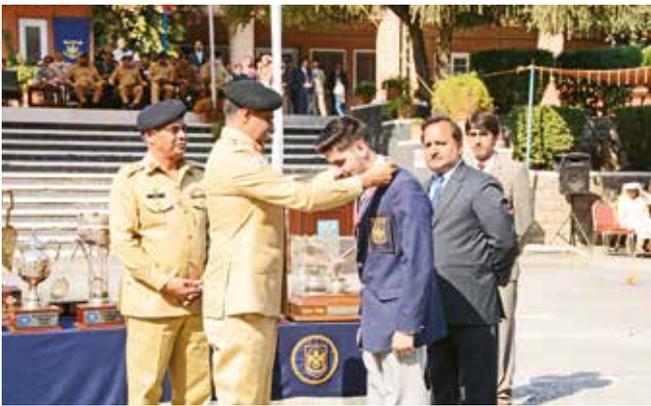
In the end, I wish to thank the Principal for inviting me and providing me an opportunity to be amongst you, today. I thank you all. May the eagles of Burn Hall keep soaring higher. *Ameen*.

May Allah be with us all!

God Bless Burn Hall!

God Bless Pakistan!





Gold Medalists, 2016 & 2017 & Sword of Honour



Abdul Basit Paracha
HSSC – 2016 Pre-Engineering
Chief of Army Staff's
Gold Medal



Sajawal Sharif
HSSC – 2016 Pre-Medical
Chief of Army Staff's
Gold Medal



Aamir Nazir Khan,
HSSC – 2016 Computer Science
Chief of Army Staff's
Gold Medal



Danish Ali Khan
HSSC-2017 Pre-Medical
Chief of Army Staff's
Gold Medal



Abdullah Wahdan Yahya
1st in A Level, 2017
Chief of Army Staff's
Gold Medal



Ahmed Munawar
HSSC-2017 Pre-Medical
Chairman Board of Governor's
Gold Medal



Pilot Officer Muhammad Hamza (ex-Hallian) receiving the Sword of Honour from Chief of Army Staff Qamar Javed Bajwa at the passing our parade held at PAF Academy, Risalpur on 9th, October 2017



Prefectorial Board, 2016



Muhammad Yasir
College Prefect



Ijlal Ullah (Day Scholar)
Asst College Prefect



Ayaz Khan
College Sports Secretary

Prefectorial Board, 2017



Mian Mustafa Shah
College Prefect



Uzair Tashfeen (Day Scholar)
Asst College Prefect



Abdur Rehman
Asst College Prefect



Muneeb Hassan
College Sport Secretary



M. Musa Khan
College Mess Secretary



Prince Mahd
College Social Secretary

English Literary Society, 2016



From L to R: Mr. Raza, Mrs. Saima, Mian Mustafa, Mr. Tashfeen, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Danish, Ms. Tahira, Hamza, Mr. M. Ali, Nasir.

English Literary Society, 2017



From L to R: Waleed, Umer, Mr. Taimoor, Mrs. Saima, Major Abid (Adjutant), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Hamza, Ms. Tahira, Abdur Rehman, Mustafa.

Bazm-e-Adab, 2016



From L to R: Mr. Zahoor, Mr. Shahzad, Mrs. Aniqā, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Shehryar, Mr. Nisar, Ms. Farhat, Mr. Naeem.

Bazm-e-Adab, 2017



From L to R: Ibraheem, Khizer, Mr. Zahoor, Mrs. Aniqā, Major Abid (Adjutant), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Ahmed, Mustafa, Abdur Rehman, Ms. Farhat.

Outgoing 2nd Year Class, 2016



Usman Gul



Abrahim Abbasi



Hassan Abbasi



Ummer Ali Nawab



Ibrar Ali



Osama Tabasum



Sohail Khan



Ibrahim Abbas



Shamun Awan



Shahid Shoukat



M. Usama



Umair Tariq



Mudassir Javed



Shameer Khan



Haider Ali Zeb



Abdullah Altaf



Ehtisham



Salman Khan



Hamza Awan



Abdullah Altaf



Mussab Shafiq



Taimoor Malik



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Huzaifa Bashir



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Usman Munir



Hamza Awan



Abdul Wali



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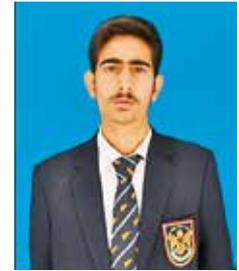
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Muzaffar Khan



Awais Jadoon



Ahmad Khan



Taimoor Tahir



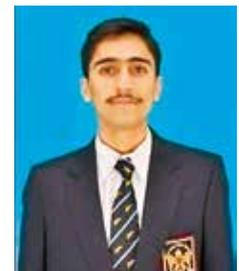
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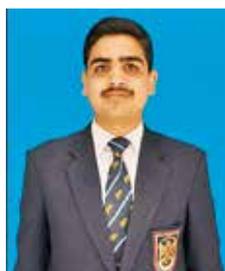
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Umer Mukhtiar



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Khizar



Raja Shehryar



Ammar Masood



Qazi Hammad



Saddam Bugti



Umar Qureshi



Salman Paracha



Abdul-Rehman



Muslay Jamal



Ahmed Shah



Abdullah Khan



Haroon Khan



Khizer Masood



Khuzama Munaf



Daniyal Ahmad



Inamullah Azhar



Saifullah



Wali-Khan



Asfandyar Ahmad



Omer Farooq



Moiz Khan



Asfandyar



Fahad Jadoon



Wassay



Talal Arif Shah



Haider Bukhari



Komail Haider



Haider



Ijlalullah Khan



Hassan Fayyaz



Saimiullah



Waqar Ahmad



Ayaz Khan



Danish Ali Khan



M. Rauf



Hamza Ali



Syed Irtiza



Nasir Khan



Zarak Khan



Asadullah



Abdul Jabbar



M. Hammad



Ahmed Iqbal



Abdul Moiz



Ahsan



Sohail Khan



Ahmed



Asfandyar



Taimor Mazhar



Usman Farooq



Muqaddar Abbas



Iftikhar Ahmed



Naqeebullah



Abdullah



M. Ahsan



Ateeq-ur-Rehman



Annus Tanvir



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M. Alwizan



Awais



Shan Mustafa



Faraz Ahmad



Khushal Khan



Shahzaib



Mudasir Waheed



Usama Tabasum



Haroon Khan



Afnan Pasha



Hammad



Hisham



Saad Fareed



Naeem Khalid



Hassain



Mohsin Khan



Sherbaz Khan



Syed Hamza



Behram Khan



Umar Farooq



Omer Nawaz



Shahzaib Nazakat



Yasir



Junaid



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Hassan



Hussain Bajwa



Zain Sindhu



Hamid Mustafa



Ehtisham



Saad Khan



Salman Khalid



Adnan Khalid



Hassan Jawad



Farzand Ali



M. Abdullah



Saran Afridi



Ehtisham Gujar



Saqib Gul



Umar Azhar



Husnain



Ammar



Saifullah Sajid



Umar



Ali Khan



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M. Umar



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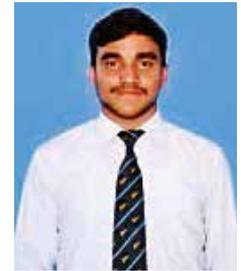
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Ammaar Ahmed



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Salyma Tariq



Behram Khanzada



Furqan Ahmed



Hassan Zaffar



M. Awais



M. Talha



M. Umer Bin Tariq



M. Habibullah



Syed Hissaan Ali



Talha Khurshid



Usman Sultan



M. Umair Karim



M. Aneeb Khan



M. Haider Ali



M. Bin Aamir



Muhammad Tariq



Muneeb Hassan



Musa Khawaja



Nabeel Qureshi



Saddam Hussain



Saifullah Khan



Uzair Bin Nisar



Abdullah Tanveer



Abid Wahab



Ahmed Khan Awan



Ammad Ali



Atta -Ur-Rehman



Daniyal Nazir



Fahad Afzal



Ghulam Mustafa



Hamza Javed



Hannan Ahmed



Mannad Anwaar



Hasham Sarwar



Mohsin Aftab



M. Nabeel Iqbal



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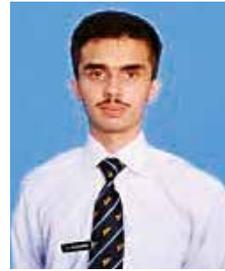
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Afrasiab Akhtar



Ahmad Khan



Ahsan Aftab



Ali Ahmad



Fahad Nasir



M. Sikandar Khan



Fawad Ali



Haider Ul Islam



Haseeb Khan



Hashim Khan



Hassan Munsif



Husnain



M. Mueez Khan



Mamoon Khan



Mashood Nazir



Mohsin Ilyas



Obaid Ullah



M. Bilal Shah



M. Haq Nawaz



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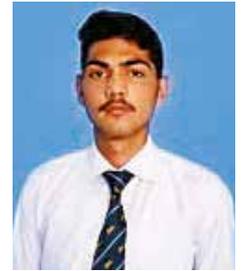
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Ahmad Jawad



Ahsan Iftikhar



Arsalan Zaffar



Awais Hamza



Ayzaz Nawaz



Badar Yasin Khan



Gulam Nabi



Hizbullah Nadir



M. Ali Usman



M. Azaz



M. Huzaifa Saleem



M. Nouman



Rana Maqsood



M. Faizan Khan



Mahad Khan



Mehraj Ahmed



Mian Mustafa Shah



Osama Rafi



Shahroz Dogar



Shehroz Khan



Shoaib Naem



Shujaat Sultan



Sufiyan Bin Muneer



Syed M. Umar



Talat Khan



Tazeem Munawar



Usama Akram



Wahid Ullah



Zunaib Khan



Abdul Hafeez



Ehsan Ali



Ali Haider



Asad Ullah



Asfandyar Ahmed



M. Nouman Khalid



Sajid Rehman



Ehsan ullah Khan



Fazl e Razak



Haji Abdul Rehman



Hashir Pervaiz



Khushal Khan



M. Basat



M. Hammad



M. Hamza Abdullah



Waleed Afzal



Haris bin Tariq



Abdullah Talha



Ahsan Sikandar



Amel Khan



Hamza Muhib



Prince Mahad Asif



M. Iqbal



Mehar Ahmad



Mehar Dawar



Muhammad Rizwan



Muhammad Azmar



Muhammad Maraj



M. Saad Tahir



Naeeem Ullah



Umar Farooq



Usman Hussain



M. Nouman



M. Waleed Shahzad



M. Hisham



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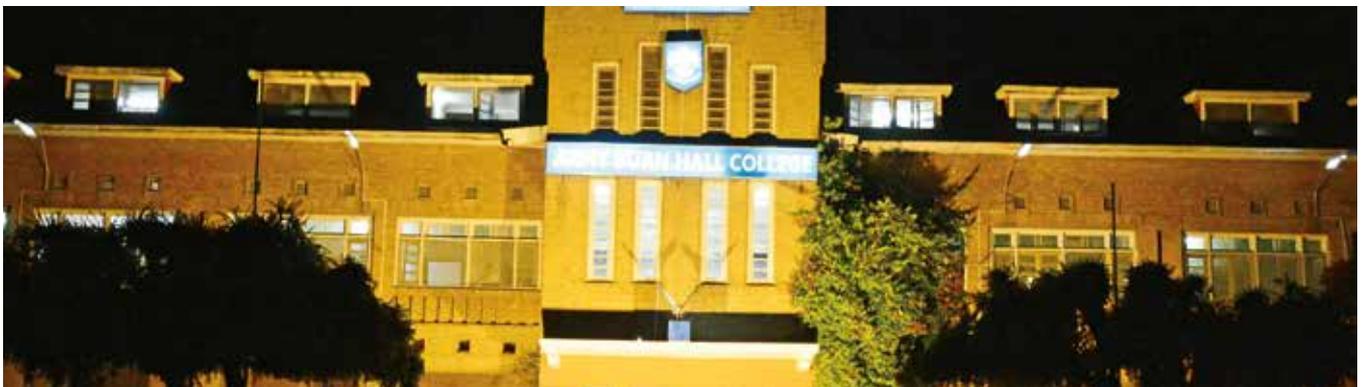


Sardar Usman Munir



Syed Roman Ali

Seasons of Burn Hall





A Day at Burn Hall Morning Time



Classroom Activities



Lab Activities



Break Time



In the College Library





Departure Time



In the Mess



Leisure Time



Self-Study



Sports Time



Maghrib Prayer



Night Study



Visits The Chairman Board of Governors Lt Gen Malik Zafar Iqbal, HI (M)



The Deputy Chairman Board of Governors Maj Gen Abdullah Dogar, HI(M)



NIMS Delegation



Sri Lankan Delegation



**Professor Dr Norman Reid
University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK**



**Commandant School of Artillery
Maj Gen Khalid Saeed**



Students of Cadet College Razmak



Students of Cadet College Spankai



Secretary Environment, KPK



Old Hallians' Visit to their *Alma Mater*



Lt Gen Mumtaz Gul (Retd)



Lt Gen Mumtaz Gul (Retd) is having a look on the Honour Board



Lt Gen Munir Hafeez (Retd)



The Principal is presenting the College shield to Lt Gen Munir Hafeez (Retd)



A pride to have my name on the Honour Board



Maj Gen Muhammad Ali Bhattay, ex-Hallian, while sharing his memories of Burn Hall



Nawabzada Salahuddin Saeed is receiving the College Shield

Visit of Ex-Principals, and the Faculty



Brig Asif (Retd) Ex-Principal Army Burn Hall College, Chief Guest Annual Bilingual Declamation Contest 2016



Brig Asif (Retd) Ex-Principal Army Burn Hall College, Chief Guest Annual Bilingual Declamation Contest 2016



Brig Irshad Arshad, Ex-Principal



Brig Abdul Hafeez, Ex-Principal, is in the Principal's Office



Mrs Perveen Qazi, Ex-Faculty Member (1965-71)



Mr. Zaffar SK Durrani, Ex-Faculty Member (1989-2012)



Pakistan to Germany Study Options Maj Gen Shoukat Iqbal's (Retd) Visit and Address to the College Students



Dr Khalid Mehmood, Guest Speaker



Co-Curricular Competitions

Inter House Declamation Contest, 2016

The Urdu Declamation Contest was held on Aug 23, 2016, whereas, English Declamation Contest was held on Aug 25, 2016 in Scanlon Hall. Houses' administration took keen interest in preparing their students in the most befitting manner. Each team comprised two speakers. The Principal, Brig Mukhtar Muhammad, was the Chief Guest, who gave away prizes to winners of the contest. In English & Urdu Declamation, the trophies were clinched by Shah Ismail Shaheed House.

Urdu Speech Competition of Junior School was held on Aug 09, 2016. It was a wonderful occasion for the young orators. All the speakers spoke extremely well with confidence and style. Inter House English Speech Contest of Junior School was held on Aug 05, 2016 in Scanlon Hall. The occasion was well organized. From each class, two students participated. All the speakers spoke very well. The Chief Guest appreciated the performance of the speakers and congratulated the winners.



Inter House Debating Competition, 2017

For the first time, in the history of Burn Hall, Intra and Inter House Urdu and English Debate Competitions were held. The College English Literary Society and Bazm-e-Adab did a marvellous job and prepared the students very well. First of all, Intra House Urdu and English Debate Competitions were held on Aug 13, 2017 in the Scanlon Hall at 1500 hours. Six students from each House participated in the first phase, four best speakers out of six were selected for the second round, which was held on Aug 29, 2017. The students presented the arguments, both for and against the topic, in a forceful way after a hard preparation of many days. The winners of the competition in Seniors and Juniors were:





Positions of Seniors

Students' Name	Position
Abdullah Liaqat STS	1 st
Hasham Bhatti STS	2 nd
Ehteram-ul-Haq SIS	3 rd
Hamza Ahad SIS	Consolation Prize

Positions of Juniors

Students' Name	Position
Ahsan Arshad SKS – A	1 st
Mohsin Arshad SKS – B	2 nd
Sufiyan Sami SKS – A	3 rd

The trophy of Seniors was clinched by STS House in Urdu, whereas, SIS House grasped the trophy in English. In Juniors, the trophy was won by SKS-A House. The Principal was the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed satisfaction over the standards of debates, delivered by the young speakers. He advised the youngsters that they must communicate with each other in English. He also stressed upon the need of developing the spoken skill. He lauded the performance of new speakers. The Principal also appreciated the efforts of the Faculty members for preparing the speakers well.



Quiz Competition, 2016

Quiz Competition was held in September, 2016. Its aim was to enhance the general knowledge of the students and prepare them for future challenges. The young Hallians eagerly participated in the competition and won prizes.



Quiz Competition, 2017

A quiz is a mind sport, which improves or expands one’s knowledge of things, either general or in specific area. It’s a fun way to study or simply ‘to think out of the box’. Keeping in view the benefits of this genre, the Intra and Inter House Quiz Competition was organized. In the Intra House Competition twenty students from both the Houses of SKS-A & B participated. Out of these, four students qualified for Inter House Quiz Competition. Similarly, in seniors, sixty



students from three Houses participated in Intra House Competition and out of these, thirty six students were selected for the final round. On Sep 14, 2017 at 1500 hours, these students appeared in the Scanlon Hall and after a tough competition, the following students became victorious:-

Positions of Juniors

Students’ Name & Positions

Talha Zaib, SAS	1 st
Abu Zar Butt, SIS	2 nd
Zaryab, SAS	3 rd

Positions of Middle School

Students’ Name & Positions

Uzair Shoukat, SKS–A	1 st
Attique Khattana, SKS–A	2 nd
Hamza Rehman, SKS–B	3 rd

Positions of Seniors

Students’ Name & Positions

Dawood Khan, STS	1 st
Abu Bakar, STS	2 nd
Zeeshan Nazir, SIS	3 rd

SKS-A House became Champion House in the Middle Section, whereas, Shah Ismail Shaheed House won the trophy in Seniors. The Principal was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He gave away prizes and certificates to the winners and congratulated them on their strenuous efforts and performance.





Qirat and Naat Competition, 2016

Qiraat and Naat Competitions of Seniors and Juniors was held in Scanlon Hall. All four houses participated in the contest with religious fervour and zeal.

The trophy was clinched by Sher Khan Shaheed House. The Principal, as the Guest of Honour, gave away the trophy to the winner house and congratulated them for commendable performance.



Qirat and Naat Competition, 2017

Qirat and Naat Competition for Seniors was held on Aug 18, 2017 in the Scanlon Hall. All the three Houses participated in the competition with religious fervour and enthusiasm after a good preparation. The Faculty members of Islamiyat Department assessed the talents and capabilities of the participants. The potential, exhibited by the students, reflected that they are successfully building their character according to the norms of our religion. The Principal was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who gave away certificates to the position holders of the event.



Sports Championship

Sports Activities, 2016

Healthy activities always teach tolerance, patience and truthfulness. The training program at Army Bum Hall College for Boys is conceived and planned, with a view to nurturing and fostering the personality of the students in all possible dimensions. Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities constitute a vital part in this regard. Every year, Sports Week is organized to groom the Hallians' conduct on and off the ground, to prepare them for the future challenges of life, and to set their lives on foot. This year too, Sports Week was planned for both juniors and seniors from Aug 26, 2016. All the students participated with great enthusiasm, put up a spectacular show and received a lot of ovation from the crowd present on the occasion. The Principal graced the occasion and gave away the prizes to the winners along with the appreciation.

Sports fixtures are such activities which help in interacting with different institutions, thereby, exposing them to the outside world. This year, we hosted two sports fixtures. With Military College Murree, our teams won the Cricket and Football matches, while Basketball match was ended in a draw. The Sports Fixture was won by the Army Burn Hall College for Boys. The 2nd sports fixture was arranged with Chand Bagh Public School Muridke, Lahore. It was won by Hallians with a margin of 3-1. Their performance was commendable.





Inter House Sports Competition, 2017

Sports play a vital role in inculcating tolerance, courage, confidence, professionalism and above all leadership qualities in players. Keeping in view all these essential aspects for a successful individual in life, Burn Hall pays great attention towards sports activities and active participation of Hallians in sports. Inter House Sports Competition for Seniors started from July 19 and culminated on August 09, 2017. The games played among three Houses of Seniors were Basketball, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Squash, Volleyball, Swimming and Athletics. Syed Ahmed Shaheed House stood tall by winning Basketball, Football, Hockey, Squash and Swimming. While Sultan Tipu Shaheed House became triumph in Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball. The Prize Distribution Ceremonies were held on July 24 and Aug 02, 2017. The Principal gave away certificates and trophies to the successful participants of Sports. He also congratulated the Hallians on the manifestation of skills, boldness and sportsman spirit in the grounds.



Swimming Gala

After a break of almost 12 years, once again Swimming Gala was organized on Aug 26, in which three Senior Houses participated. The function started at 10:00 hrs at the Swimming Pool. The students from all the Houses struggled hard to outdo the others. The Hallians displayed their mastery in different Swimming styles such as free-styles, back-stroke, breast-stroke, butterfly and diving. After interesting rounds of Swimming, both at individual and collective house levels, Uzair Saleem of SAS House proved his mettle and earned his House the top position with a convincing margin. The Principal spoke high of the efforts and show of Hallians in the Swimming Competitions. He motivated them for struggling hard in life to achieve success and advised them to be target oriented. He congratulated the winners of the competition and gave away shields and certificates.



Glimpses of Sports Competition



Triangular Sports Competition

Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad organized a Triangular Sports Competition from 7th to 9th Oct, 2017, in which the teams of two renowned educational institutions of the country, Military College Jhelum and Cadet College Kohat, participated. Such a tournament was organized after so many years at the College. The tournament started on 8th Oct, 2017 in a colourful opening ceremony, presided



over by the Principal of the College, Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha. The teams, dressed up in their traditional sports dresses, took the oath to uphold sportsman spirit and high moral values. The Principal, in his opening address, emphasized on the importance of sports for the personality development of students. He urged upon the students to imbibe the concept of sportsman spirit and upholding morale values more than their concern for winning or losing. In this competition, the teams played Hockey, Cricket, Football and Basket ball matches. Burn Hall College was able to clinch Triangular Championship Trophy, whereas, Cadet College Kohat secured second and Military College Jhelum got third position in the Triangular Competition. The closing ceremony on 9th Oct 2017 was even more impressive. The Principal of Burn Hall College distributed prizes among the participants and thanked the heads of both the Colleges as well as their teams for their participation in this competition. The closing ceremony was ended with a salute to the national flag and national anthem, followed by a banquet in the honour of guest teams.

The Lawrence College Ghora Gali, Murree, visited the College for sports fixture on Oct 12, 2017. The matches played between both the teams were Basketball, Hockey, and Football. In all three matches, the Hallians put up an excellent show and won the fixture. The Chief Instructor gave away certificates to all the participants.









All Pakistan Burn Hall Bilingual Declamation Competition, 2016

Besides focusing on the achievement of academic excellence, the College pays due attention to personality development of its students. The College organized the 20th All Pakistan Burn Hall Bilingual Declamation Competition on 26th & 27th Oct, 2016. In this competition, 30 teams of elite institutions participated. In the first round, the following five teams qualified for the final round. These were:-

- a) Cadet College Kohat
- b) Cadet College Hassan Abdal
- c) Govt. College University, Lahore
- d) Military College of Engineering, Risalpur
- e) Military College of Signals, Rawalpindi

Brig Muhammad Asif (Retd), Ex-Principal Army Burn Hall College, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest appreciated the quality of speeches. He also congratulated the participants, the organizers and the administration for a successful event. The trophy of the 20th All Pakistan Burn Hall Bilingual Declamation was won by the GC University, Lahore, Cadet College Kohat secured 2nd position and Military College of Signals Rawalpindi secured 3rd position.





21st All Pakistan Burn Hall Declamation Contest, 2017

21st All Pakistan Burn Hall Bilingual Declamation Contest was held on Sep 11 and 12, 2017 in the Scanlon Hall. Twenty two elite institutions of the country participated in the Competition, with two participants from each institution, one for Urdu and one for English. Among the institutions were PAF College Lower Toppra-Murree, Pakistan Marine Academy Karachi, Cadet College Hassan Abdal, Military College Jhelum, Abbottabad Public School, Government College University Lahore, Military College Sui, HITEC College for Boys Taxila, Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, Military College of Signals Rawalpindi, Military College of Engineering Risalpur, and some local institutions.

The Competition was scheduled for 2 rounds. In the initial round all the speakers presented quality speeches. Out of these, the top five teams qualified for the final round. These were:

- Army Public School & College for Boys Ordinance Road, Rawalpindi
- Cadet College Hassan Abdal
- Karnal Sher Khan Cadet College Ismailia, Swabi
- Military College Jhelum
- Military College Sui, Balochistan

In the final round, Cadet College Hassan Abdal clinched the trophy by securing maximum points, Military College Jehluwm stood second, while Military College Sui Balochistan was the 3rd.

For the first time, separate individual positions have also been announced for the girls' participants in both Urdu and English categories and were given consolation prizes. Consolation prizes for Girls were based on their performances in initial round. In Urdu category Army Burn Hall College for Girls, Abbottabad got first position, Government Degree College for Women, Abbottabad stood second and F.G. Inter College for Girls, Narrian Abbottabad was third. In English Category Army Burn Hall College for Girls, Abbottabad stood first, F.G. Inter College for Girls, Narrian Abbottabad was second and Govt. Degree College for Women, Abbottabad was the third.

The Principal, Army Burn Hall College for Boys, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He gave away shields, souvenirs and certificates to the winners and the participants of the event. In his address, the Principal congratulated the winners and spoke high of the efforts put in by the participants in presenting quality speeches with forceful arguments. He also appreciated the efforts of the Faculty for organizing the event in a befitting manner.



Glimpses of Social Nights



Extra Curricular Activities

Social Nights

A social night is an event in which the members of group or organization meet informally to enjoy by themselves. The Social Nights for SKS-A and B, and SAS Houses were organized on May 01 and May 18, 2017 at 2030 hrs in the Scanlon Hall. The objective of the Social Night was to entertain and provide a platform to the students to explore their hidden talents. The active participation of all the Houses made the events memorable. Kalam-i-Iqbal, National songs, Folk songs, Folk dance, Skits, Tableaus, Speeches and singing of English songs added to the glory of the functions. Begum and Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha graced the occasions as the Chief Guests. At the end, the Principal appreciated the participants and Houses for successful shows.



Annual Drama

The concept of organizing House Social Night by one of the Houses every month has been resumed after a long time. The purpose is to engage students in healthy pursuits and provide them an opportunity for entertainment amidst tough routines. The Social Nights culminated on Annual Drama Night, where Burn Hall talent manifested itself. The first ever Annual Drama after decades was organized on 07 Oct, 2017 in Scanlon Hall. Famous English Play, ‘King Lear’ by Shakespeare, was performed, interspersed with melodious songs, Kalam-e-Iqbal and music, followed by an Urdu Play ‘Taleem-e-Balighan’. The audience included the families of the faculty and staff officers, besides guest cadets of Military College Jehlum and Cadet College Kohat. The Principal in his closing remarks said, “The performance displayed by the Hallians manifested that they are equal to none, provided they put their heart and soul.” At the end, the National Anthem was sung.





House Day Celebrations





Champion House Celebrations; SAS Champion 2017



SIS Social Night Dinner 2017



Farewell to 2nd Year / A-Levels

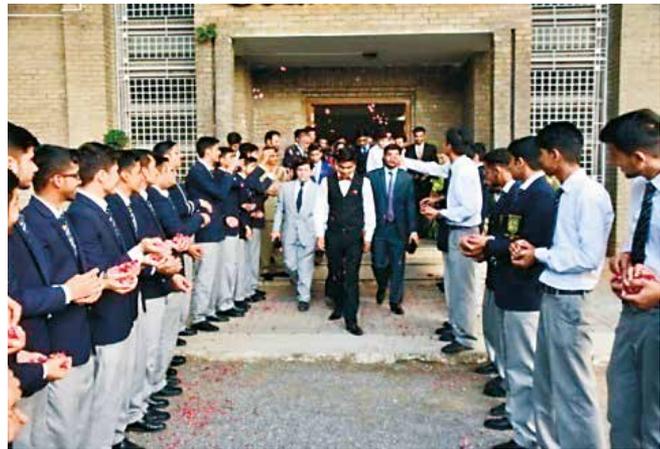
Keeping up the glorious tradition of giving a befitting send-off to the outgoing 2nd year and A-2 Level, a grand farewell was arranged on Thursday, May 25, 2017. The festivities of the day started with a friendly match between the Faculty and the students of out-going Classes, they witnessed the match. After a nail-biting competition, it was won by the Hallians. Both the teams got the presents of branded shirts for putting up a spectacular show.

After the match, a function was held at 1700 hrs in Scanlon Hall. The Cambridge Prefect, Abdullah Wahdan, expressed his views on behalf of A-2 Level, while the College Prefect, Muhammad Yasir, in his farewell speech, was highly appreciative of the considerable improvements in the College. He also paid rich tribute to the Principal for devising ways and means for the boys' academic excellence. He also appreciated the selfless services of the staff, especially the teaching-staff, who devotedly focused on the boys' academic excellence.





The Principal, in his address, appreciated the continued hard work of the outgoing Classes during the harsh Winter, especially in Winter-Camp and expressed the hope that they would produce very good results. The Principal also appreciated the magnificent role of the Faculty members in the academic enrichment of the pupils. The Principal advised the outgoing Classes to keep up the name and fame of their institution by exhibiting the highest moral



standards and strength of character that the College had inculcated in them. He said that they were the ambassadors of Army Burn Hall College, one of the best institutions of the Sub-Continent. The Principal drew the boys' attention to the difficulties and problems in practical life that they would confront and expressed the hope that they would triumphantly face the trials and tribulations of life by adhering to the College Motto, '*Quo Non Ascendam*'. He advised the new appointment holders to follow their footsteps. The festivities of the day reached its zenith by playing of national songs and folk tunes by the Orchestra of Army Band. In the end, the Principal wished the outgoing Classes, the best of luck and Godspeed in their future life.

A grand farewell dinner was arranged in the honour of the outgoing Classes. The sumptuous dinner, attended by the students of out-going Classes and the entire Faculty, representatives of administrative staff, the Principal and the guests. On this occasion, the teachers like Mr. Tashfeen Abbasi (HoD English Dept), Mr. and Mrs. Askar Zaman (Chemistry & Maths Dept), who had left the College, were also among the guests and were presented the College souvenirs and gifts. The last but not the least was the musical night which added to the richness of the day. The famous singer of KPK, Humayun Khan, performed on the stage and won the hearts of the audience. The function continued till late at night and became a memorable event in the hearts and minds of the outgoing Hallians.



Independence Day Celebrations, 2017

The 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with full national zeal and fervour at the Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad. A series of events were organized for three consecutive days i.e. from 12th Aug to 14th Aug, 2017, as a part of ‘Azadi Celebrations’. The purpose of these celebrations was to instil patriotic and nationalistic feelings in the impressionable minds of the young Hallians. The following events were organized during the Azadi Week.



Azadi Night Celebrations

The Azadi Dinner was arranged in the main mess on 13th Aug. The Principal, Administrative Staff and the Faculty attended the dinner in traditional and national dress. After the dinner, all the guests, along with Boarders, moved towards the Scanlon Hall for watching the movie ‘*Saya-e-Khuda-e-Zuljalal*’. Celebrations continued in true spirit till mid night with a splendid show of fireworks. Boarders presented spectacular show at 0005 hours on 14th Aug, by forming the digit 70 and shape of heart, while holding the candles in their hands. The cake cutting ceremony was held by each House with the Principal, in front of traditional SAS House.



Azadi Day Celebrations

The Azadi Day Celebrations on Aug 14, 2017 commenced with a graceful ceremony which was started at 0415 hours. In the morning special prayers were offered and ‘*Quran Khawani*’ was arranged in the Mosque, in which all officers faculty members and boarders participated.



Azadi Quiz Competition

Later on, the Azadi Quiz competition was held in the Scanlon Hall. After the recitation and Naat, the Kalam-e-Iqbal was presented by the young Hallians. They delivered speeches and sang National songs with patriotic feelings and fervour, which highlighted the significant role of the youth in nation building. They paid homage to our pioneer leadership towards the independence of Pakistan. A special Quiz Competition was also organized, based on the Pakistan Movement. The purpose of the Competition was to keep abreast the new and young blood of Pakistan with their rich history. Hamza Mohib of Class XII-F, SAS House clinched the First position, while Nasir Khan of SIS House and Sufiyan bin Muneer of STS House stood 2nd and 3rd respectively.



Bonfire



Burn Hall Idols



Self-Cooking



Book Fair



Colour Day

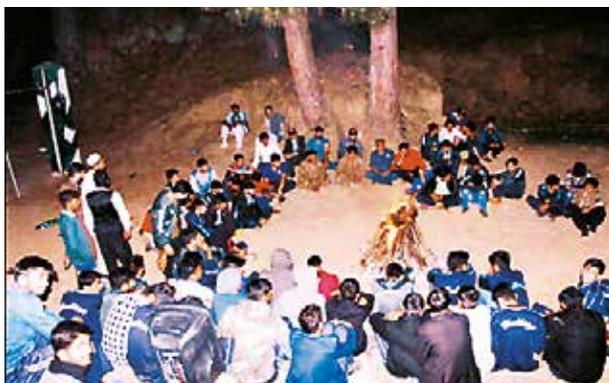


Plantation Day



Camping

This year, after a long break, a contingent of 53 high achievers of 2nd year went on camping to Juniors Leaders Academy, Shinkiri. They enjoyed a lot and gained new experiences of life. The overnight stay of camping broke the monotony and stagnation of routine activities and provided succor to the boys. Another contingent of players and high achievers in Board Exams was sent on camping on Oct 10, 2017 for they performed well in Board Exams and Triangular Sports Competition. As Hallians waited for this occasion, so, they utilized every moment of their trip. The house staff accompanied them.



Pakistan Day Parade at Islamabad

A contingent consisting of 21 faculty members and 33 boys from the College section attended the Pakistan Day Parade at Islamabad. The young Hallians were highly impressed by the spectacular show, put up by the Armed Forces of Pakistan on the occasion. They felt happy and thrilled to watch the smartly turned out soldiers marching gracefully. The breath-taking performance of the pilots of PAF, swaying in skies as if by magic, aroused the feelings of awe and inspiration among the spectators. Free-fall of the valiant skydivers, consisting of the personnel of PAF, Navy and Army filled the young Hallians, amongst a mammoth gathering, with pleasure, pride and amazement. Attending the Pakistan Day Parade was a novel experience for the young Hallians because they had never got an opportunity to attend such a magnificent event of national importance.



Visit to PMA

A contingent of Hallians consisting of 76 boys, along with 24 teachers and Adjutant Maj Abid, paid a visit to Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul on April 14, 2017. The contingent attended the Commandant's Parade in PMA, Kakul. They enjoyed their visit a lot and on return they were very enthusiastic and inspired by the standard of PMA Cadets' performance.



Excursion, 2017

This year Hallians went on an excursion trip to Islamabad on March 03, 2017. The trip was arranged while keeping in view the two-fold purpose i.e. providing students with an opportunity for entertainment and also giving them exposure to the culture of the capital city. The students of Class 2nd year enjoyed a lot at Islamabad. They visited the famous Faisal Mosque, Lake View Park and Lok Virsa. They were thrilled by the display of rich culture and history at Lok Virsa. The beauty and magnificence of the Faisal Mosque filled their hearts with awe and pride. The College staff accompanied the Hallians. The trip was an effort to break the monotonous routine of daily grind. It provided a chance to the young Hallians to get them prepared for upcoming exams.

Leadership Cadre

A two weeks ISSB Leadership Cadre was organized for the outgoing 2nd year Class in order to help them prepare for Inter Services Selection Board. The Cadre was started on Dec 18, 2016. In its opening ceremony the Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, welcomed the participants and the organizers. He gave a gist of all the activities included in the Cadre. The Senior Faculty of the College contributed a lot to nurture the capabilities of young Hallians in the right direction and to enhance their leadership qualities. Individual as well as group activities and discussions on different topics were part and parcel of the workshop. Hallians are, indeed, exceptionally fortunate to have been gifted by nature with such an enviable environment, which ideally suits their wholesome grooming, physical strength, cognitive skills and quick response to different situations. Many resource persons from the different focused fields also benefitted the Hallians with their knowledge and experiences. For their physical training, the Hallians were taken to the Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul for practising different field exercises.





Die with
memories,
not
dreams.



Campus Uplift

During the period from Jan till June 2017, the College administration undertook a number of projects in order to bring improvement in different administrative and academic areas. Special attention was paid to the improvement of quality living in Campus. The provision of multi-media projector and new sound system, the renovation of its corridors and entrance with portraits, pictures and dry flower arrangements, added to the glory of the Scanlon Hall.

The renovation of Mosque was carried out meticulously. The provision of new curtains, and Arabic calligraphy i.e. Quranic verses with translation on walls arouse the feelings of inspiration and enhance its sacredness. To bring the architectural and aesthetic proportion to all the College houses, a series of projects were carried out. Among these were renovation dorms, installation of LEDs, provision of electrical appliances, procurement furniture, curtains, blankets, beds and bed sheets; which were aimed at improving the quality of life for the boarding students.



The Staff Room



The Language Lab



The Mess



The Cafe



The Scanlon Hall



SAS House



Establishment of Language Lab through provision of interactive board and computers in all the Sections of the College was another landmark. They are fully equipped and can provide assistance to the Hallians and the Faculty. Another project was the renovation of the College's staffroom. New furniture and wall decorations added to its beauty. Teachers feel comfortable at the provision of LED. A special emphasis was laid on the renovation of the College Mess. It was provided with new crockery, blinds, honorarium boards, curtains, lights etc. The new mess has become eye-catching after its renovation. Provision of newly constructed washroom was part of the plan. An exclusive mess for Shah Ismail Shaheed with a capacity of 300 students' dining at a time was considered more of a necessity. Shah Ismail Shaheed House's old mess was demolished and new Mess Hall was constructed with better facilities and appearance.

Many facilities were extended to suit and fulfil the needs of the Hallians and the Faculty. Among these were Cobbler Shop, Stationery Shop, Tailor Shop, Photography Shop, and Book Shop. Students cafeteria remained in limelight, starting from its expansion till the procurement of new furniture and its extension, the project was thoroughly carried out. Now its providing better services to the students and the Faculty.

Road bedding was another step taken to give a new look to the College Campus. The Principal paid special attention towards the state of art facilities of the College due to which the College Campus has got a new outlook and an attractive one, too. Concerted efforts have been made to improve sports facilities. A futsal is under construction, whereas, number of volleyball grounds have been added, besides developing a spacious ground for Junior Section. In addition to these, efforts are afoot to improve infrastructure of the College. The road net-work in the College has been improved.

Renovation of Library

Special attention has been paid to the renovation and up-gradation of library. Its extension, major renovation, provisioning of exclusive areas for research work, net surfing, faculty consultation room and option of a coffee counter totally transformed it into a new appropriate place for soothing our thoughts and minds. The provision of new furniture, new computers and addition of new books was done by Mr. Shabahat with his two team members: Mr. Adnan and Mr. Mir Bahadur, who also completed the task of digitization of the library successfully. The renovated Library is named after the first Pakistani Principal, Brig B.A. Malik as 'B.A Malik Library'. The former Principal Brig Mukhtar Muhammad (Retd) was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the renovated library on March 29, 2017. Now it is in the service of Hallians from 1000 hours to 1600 hours daily.

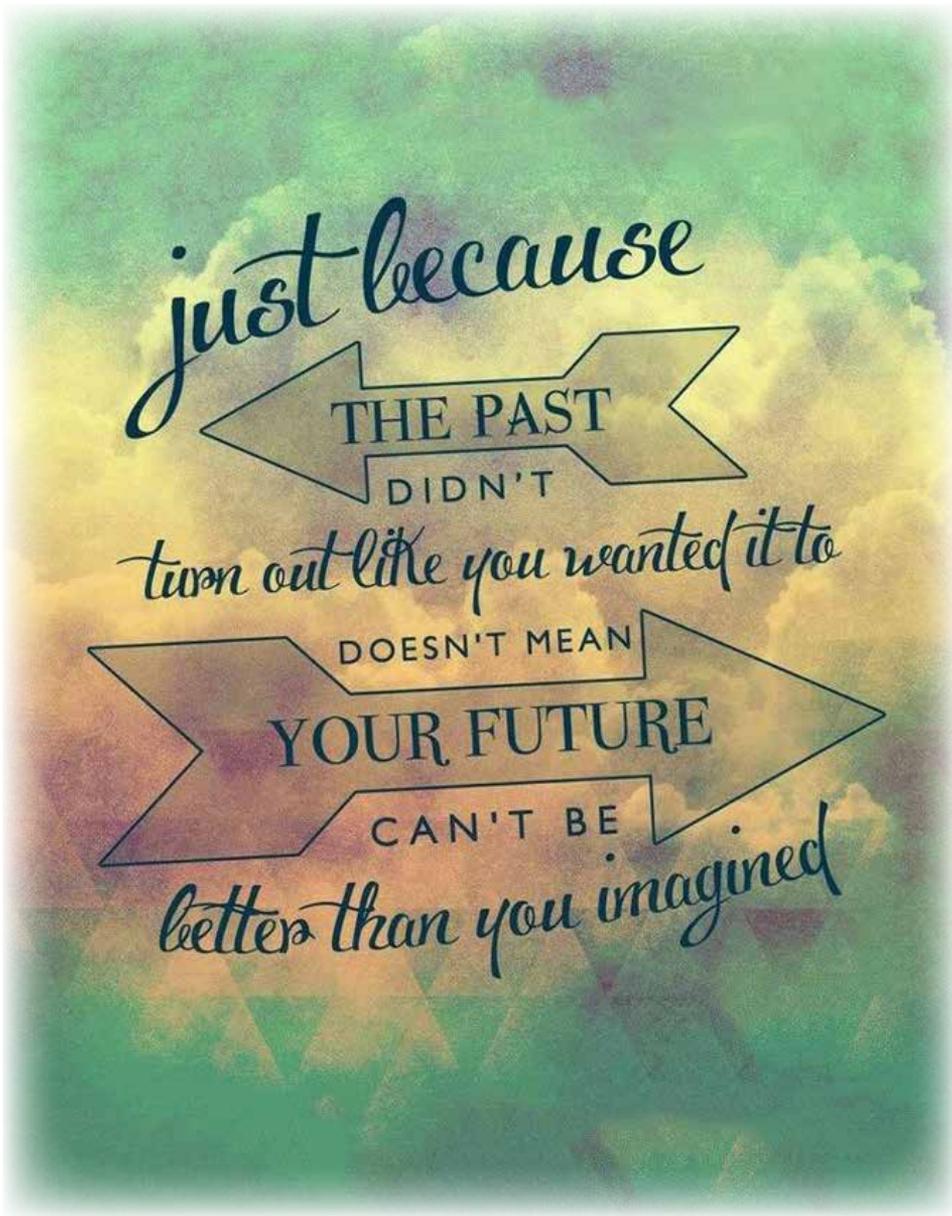




Construction of Residential Colony

To facilitate the faculty, a residential block of teachers' residencies is being constructed, which will help to facilitate the teachers. Its ground breaking ceremony was held on Oct 21, 2017. Major General Abdullah Dogar HI(M), the Commandant PMA & Deputy Chairman BOG, cut the ribbon to initiate the construction of the project.







Celebrating 60 Years of Senior Burn Hall

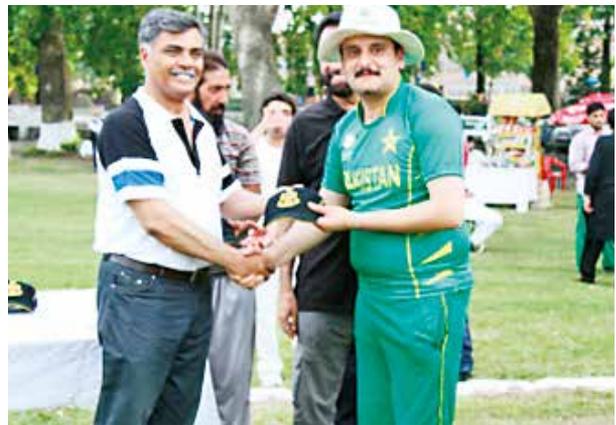
Embarking from Abbottabad-Karachi and many places in between, Burn Hall Alumni returned to their Alma Mater in Abbottabad for the first ever Alumni Reunion in the College's 60 years history and stayed for a night in their respective Houses, dorms and beds. On July 08, 2017 the Alumni were greeted by a team of the Faculty at Burn Hall Campus. They were greatly amazed after seeing the new state of the art facilities. Many said, "Feel just as warm and inviting as it did when they were students, just studying their craft and planning their path in different fields." A musical band was there to welcome the old Hallians, which made the whole environment melodious and mesmerizing. The Alumni took their first chance to catch up with old friends in the Campus. It was lovely to witness so many sentimental reunions between friends who had not seen each other for years. There were plenty of smiles.

After registration, the Alumni marched towards the Campus accompanied by all the HMs and AHMs, who facilitated them in their visit. They stepped back into their old classrooms and visited old haunts. Meanwhile, lunch was served in the Main Mess of the College. The Principal, along with his team, also joined them in their lunch. A group photo of alumni was captured in front of the main building after the lunch. The College also arranged a friendly Cricket match between Alumni and the Faculty. Luckily the Faculty managed to pull out the victory from students' pocket. The Principal presented the College souvenirs in post match ceremony to enjoy their play time. A big chunk was present in the Swimming Pool to exhibit their swimming expertise. They enjoyed a tea break after losing their energies in the field. Everyone went to his respective place of rest to get ready for prayer and Dinner afterwards.

At 8 o' clock, everyone was in the mess again in their stylish lounge suits. After dinner, the Principal addressed the Alumni and shared the College futuristic plan and a few details about the current activities, performance and achievements of the College during the last years.

A musical night was arranged for the 60 years' celebrations of Senior Burn Hall. In this regard famous band Nescafe Basement, along with their musicians, performed on Jul 08 at night. Before this, there was a splendid and magnificent show of fireworks for making the Alumni to feel their importance in the event.

The Principal, CI, distinguished Hallians, teachers and their families attended this musical evening and enjoyed a lot. These festivities came to an end late at night. All these precious and unforgettable moments were captured by the College photography club. The next morning, after breakfast, the Alumni's Special Morning Assembly was conducted, in which after the recitation of the Holy Quran, they sang the National Anthem with religious fervour. Later at 1000 hrs, the Alumni gathered in the Conference Room and discussed future plans organizing old Boys Associations and arranging regular reunions / get togethers.







Get-together Lahore Chapter



Get-together Abbottabad Chapter



Parents-Teachers Meeting

It's an old tradition of Burn Hall to hold Parents-Teachers Meeting in a befitting manner. This year, the Parents-Teacher Meeting for the First and 2nd Term Exam was held on Oct 13, 2017. The College arranged this meeting in a well organized manner. Every subject teacher along with all the material was present there in specified room. Parents of the Junior, Middle and College boys came there, one by one after collecting their ward's result from the Controller's office and discussed it with the teachers.



The Principal visited the three sections and met the parents. A number of parents met the Principal and the Chief Instructor to discuss the performance of their sons. The parents, this time, seemed to be more satisfied with the provision of facilities and the Academic standards of the College and many openly appreciated the proper grooming of their wards. However, few had certain queries, which were solved by the Principal, and the Faculty members of all Sections.



Graduation Ceremony Juniors





Oath-Taking Ceremony



HRCA Winners





Syed Ahmad Shaheed House (Old St. Gabriel House)



'Fortis in Arduis'
(Strong in Adversary)

Gabriel, in the Abrahamic religion, is an angel who typically serves as God's messenger. Gabriel is mentioned in Old & New Testaments, as well as in the Holy Quran. In the Old Testament, he appears to the prophet Daniel, explaining Daniel's visions. He was a link between the Supreme Creator and the chosen men; Prophets. He was a messenger of God, when the Prophets used to come in this world.

Owing to the Catholic background of the Fathers, the house was named as St. Gabriel's House. Once the Army took over the administration, the House was renamed as Syed Ahmed Shaheed House. Syed Ahmad Shaheed Bareilvi (1786-1831) was a revolutionary Islamist and a fighter, the Commander of the Battle of Balakot in 1831. He is considered as one of the modern Islamic leaders who led movement that was religious, military and political.

The House, originally established in 1956, was in the main building of school under the supervision of matrons. This building is the classic example of British architecture with wooden upper floor structure. This House is a large, three storeyed building, with hostel facility for the boarders, having capacity of accommodation for more than 150 students along with HM's office, AHMs' rooms, and a well-equipped common room along with other allied facilities.

Motto of the House is '*Fortis in Arduis*', which means 'Strong in Adversary'. The logo of the House had two lions, which were later changed into two cross clubs. This is the representation of Stone Age fighting clubs.

Achievements of 2016

Recipients of Trophies:-

Dr. Waqar Ullah Memorial Sports:

Ahmad Yar

Hockey Junior: Ghani Khan

Football Junior: Sadat Khan

Basketball Junior: Waqas Khan

Tennis Senior: Sohail Dar

Volleyball Junior: Irfan Ullah

College Best Boy: Ayyaz Khan

Cricket Senior: Iftikhar Ahmed

Cricket Junior: Sohail

Best Boy Senior: Iftikhar Ahmed Tareen

Best Boy Junior: Mateen Yousaf

Best Sports Man Senior: Ayaz Achakzai

Best Sports Man Junior: Waqas Khan

Best in Academic Senior: Samiullah Khan

Achievements of 2017

Recipients of Trophies:-

COAS Overall Champion's Trophy:

Muhammad Waleed Shahzad

Dr Waqarullah Memorial Sports:

Abdullah Virk

Brig B.A. Malik Trophy For Co-Curricular:

Umer Farooq

Best Sportsman: Samiullah

Best Qari: Talha Jadoon

Sports Awards: Best Swimmer, Uzair Saleem

Hockey: Badar Yaseen

Football: Nouman Achakzai

Basketball: Maqsood Munawar

Squash: Ch Ghulam Nabi

Swimming: Sajjad Rehman

Inter House Academics: Asadullah



Syed Ahmad Shaheed House, 2016



Iftikhar Ahmed
House Prefect



Abdullah Khan (Day Scholar)
Asst House Prefect



Asher Maqsood
Asst House Prefect



Shehryar Lali
House Sports Secretary



Samiullah Khan
House Mess Secretary

Syed Ahmad Shaheed House, 2017



Waleed Shehzad
House Prefect



Badar Yaseen
Asst House Prefect



Hamza Mohib (Day Scholar)
Asst House Prefect



Abdullah Ahmed
Sports Secretary



Maqsood Munawar
Mess Secretary



Mashood Nazir Janjua
Social Secretary

SAS House, 2016



From L to R: Raja Sheryar, Ashar Maqsood (AHP), Samiullah Khan (Mess Secy), Maj Kaleem Abbas (Adjutant), Mr. Zeeshan, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), M. Yasir (CP), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Iftikar Ahmed (HP), Mr. Saqlain, Ayaz Khan (CSS), Mr. Nisar, Mr Arif, Musayyab Ahmed (AP-Cambridge), Sheryar Lali (Sports Secy), Mr. Ejaz (PTI).

SAS House, 2017



From L to R: Mr. Yaseen (DPE), Mr. Saad (AHM), Mr. Aziz (AHM), Malik Waleed, (HP), Mr. M. Qadeer (HM), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Mian Mustafa Shah (CP), Badar Yaseen (AHP), Mr. Noman (AHM), Mr. Yasir (AHM), Mr. Ejaz (PTI).



Shah Ismail Shaheed House, 2016



Umer Nawaz
House Prefect



Haider Shah (Day Scholar)
Asst House Prefect



Hassan Afridi
Asst House Prefect



Faraz Ahmed
House Mess Secretary



Waqar Ahmed
House Sports Secretary

Shah Ismail Shaheed House, 2017



Furqan Ahmed Waqar
House Prefect



Waheed Ullah
Asst House Prefect



Abdullah Hassan (Day Scholar)
Asst House Prefect



Mehraj Bugti
Sports Secretary



Ahsan Iftikhar
Mess Secretary



Umer Hassan
Social Secretary



Shah Ismail Shaheed (Old St. Michael House)



'Sans Peur'
(Without Fear)

Shah Ismail Shaheed (SIS) House was known as St. Michael House. St. Michael, the Archangel, signifies as a protector and the leader of the Army of God against the forces of evil, who was instrumental in bringing the favour of God on the earth and in the heavens. He has especially been honoured and invoked as a patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called 'the Archangel', the Greek Fathers, and many others place him over all the angels as Prince of the Seraphim.

Keeping in view the spiritual stature of St. Michael, the House was named after him, which was later on changed as Shah Ismail Shaheed House as soon as the administration of the House was handed over to Pakistan Army by the Fathers.

Shah Ismail Shaheed was an Islamic scholar and a warrior in the jihad proclaimed by Syed Ahmed Shaheed with the support of Pushtoon tribes against the Sikh Kingdom of Punjab. Shah Ismail was a devoted follower and companion of Syed Ahmad Shaheed. He was martyred on May 06, 1831 during a fierce battle at Balakot. Like Syed Ahmad Shaheed, Shah Ismail Shaheed has also shown the path of liberation to the Muslims of India. The motto of the House is 'Sans Peur', which means 'without fear'.

The logo of the House has an axe and a club, which might be a representation of development from Stone Age to the next age. The building of this house is located in the new Academic Block, with the capacity to accommodate more than 150 students along with HM's office, AHMs' rooms, adjacent class rooms and newly established students' mess in its immediate proximity.

Achievements of 2016

Recipients of Trophies:-

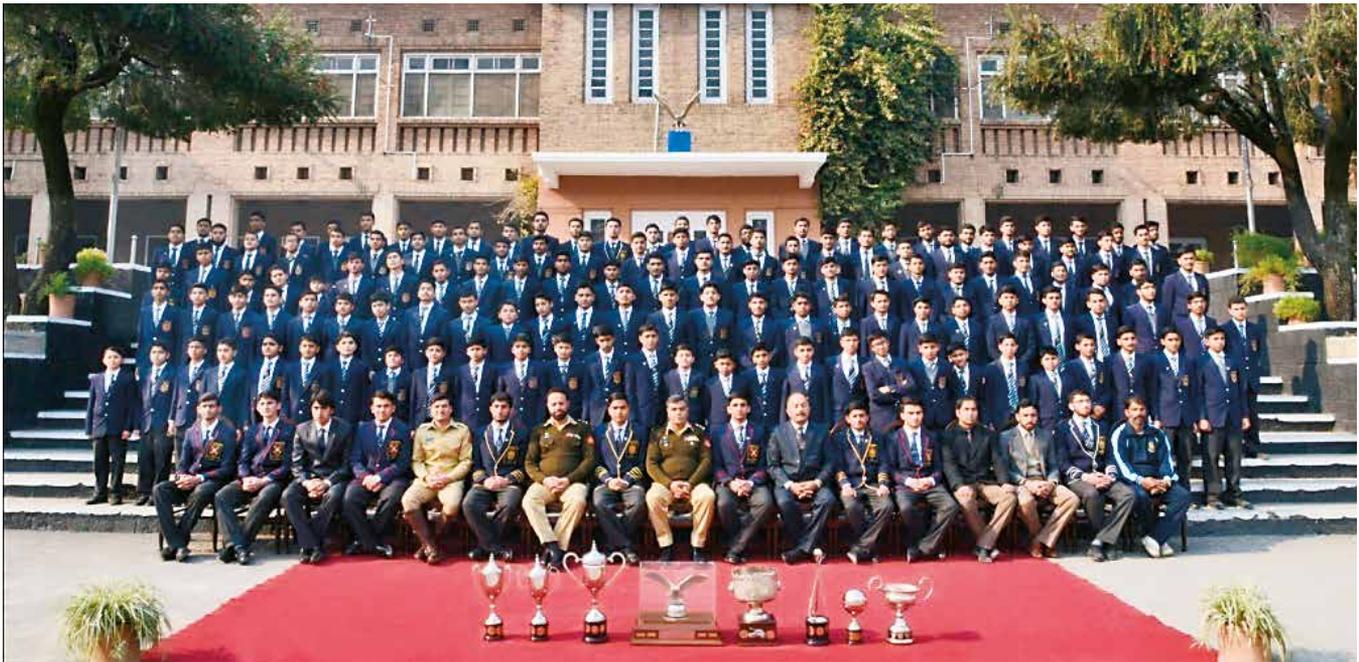
Quiz Competition Senior: Rana Abu Bakar
Urdu Declamation: Rana Abu Bakar
English Declamation: Hamza Abdullah Khan
Hockey Senior: Adnan Khalid
Football Senior: Faraz Ahmed
Basketball Senior: Waqar Ahmed
Volleyball Senior: Saran Afridi
Brig B.A Malik Trophy for co-curricular activities: Umar Nawaz

Achievements of 2017

Recipients of Trophies:-

Best Naat Khawan: Moazzam Jamil
Best Speaker in English Debates Competition: Muhammad Ali Khan
Quiz Competition: Syed Muhammad Umer Hassan Rizvi
Urdu Debates: Abdullah Tanvir
English Debates: Furqan Ahmed Waqar

SIS House, 2016



From L to R: Waqar Ahmed (Sports Secy), Faraz Ahmed (Mess Secy), Mr. Wajid (AHM), Syed Haider (AHP), Maj Kaleem Abbas (Adjutant), Ayaz Khan (CSS), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), M. Yasir (CP), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Umer Nawaz (HP), Mr. Ayyaz Hussain (HM), Musyyab (AP-Cambridge), Hassan Afridi (AHP), Mr. Junaid (AHM), Mr. Zulifiqar (AHM), Danish Khan (PELS), Mr. Subah Sadiq (PTI).

SIS House, 2017



From L to R: Mr. Yaseen (DPE), Mr. Nisar (AHM), Furqan Ahmed (HP), Mr. Bakhtiar Uddin (HM), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Mian Mustafa Shah (CP), Waheed Ullah (AHP), Mr. Sohail, Mr. Ali, Mr. Subah Sadiq (PTI).



Sultan Tipu Shaheed House

“The real joy of life is to combat difficulties and miseries with firm determination”. Tipu Sultan

Sultan Tipu Shaheed, the Tiger of Mysore, was a capable and innovative ruler and is considered as the pioneer of Rocket Artillery. He continued fighting the British and defeated them in 1783. He was martyred on May 04, 1799, at Sriangapatna, during Fourth Anglo-Mysore War against the forces of the British East India Company, supported by the Marathas and the Nizam of Hyderabad.



**‘Fortis in Proelio’
(Firm in Combat)**

Sultan Tipu is held in high esteem due to his heroism, valour and fearlessness. His towering image inspires the young generation. Due to his unparalleled steadfastness and valour against British imperialism, one of the hostels of Burn Hall has been named after him.

Sultan Tipu Shaheed House is a spacious hostel, which has a capacity to accommodate more than 150 students along with HM’s office, AHMs’ rooms, a well-equipped common room and other allied facilities. Its construction started in 1985, and it was inaugurated by Brigadier Zahoor Ahmad, the Principal of this College, in 1991. Initially, it was a day scholar house, but later it was re-organized, balancing out boarding students equally in all the houses.

Achievements of 2016

Recipients of Trophies:-

Tennis Junior: Asad Ali

Best Boy Senior: Shahzaib Nazakat

Best Boy Junior: Johar Islam

Best Sportsman Senior: Hamd Rehman Butt

Best Sportsman Junior: Shafqat Ullah

Best in Academic Senior: Annus Tanvir Gul

Best in Academic Junior: Khurram Abid

Achievements of 2017

Recipients of Trophies:-

Quiz Competition: Dawood Khan

Best Speaker (Urdu): Abdullah Liaqat

Best Sportsman: Ahsan Sikandar Khan

Trophies:

Qirat / Naat: Haji Abdur Rehman

Urdu Debates: Abdullah Tanvir

Cricket: Talha Faiz Ch

Tennis: Abdullah Faryad

Volleyball: Shahroz Dogar



Sultan Tipu Shaheed House, 2016



Shahzaib Nazakat
House Prefect



Khizar Khan (Day Scholar)
Asst House Prefect



Hamd Rehman
Asst House Prefect



Shahbaz Ahmed
House Mess Secretary



Annus Tanveer
House Sports Secretary

Sultan Tipu Shaheed House, 2017



Umer Farooq
House Prefect



Saoud Ahsan Khan
Asst House Prefect



Tariq Bangish (Day Scholar)
Asst House Prefect



Ahsan Sikandar
Sports Secretary



Shehroz Dogar
Mess Secretary



Mohsin Aftab
Social Secretary

STS House, 2016



From L to R: Tasawar (PTI), Anas Tanveer (HSP), Mr. Faisal (AHM), Shahbaz (Mess Secy), Maj Kaleem Abbas (Adjutant), Ayaz Khan (CSS), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), M. Yasir (CP), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Shahzaib Nazakat(HP), Mir Iftikhar (HM), Musyyab (AP-Cambridge), Mr. Rehmatullah (AHM), Abdullah Wahdan (Cambridge Prefect) Mr. Ibrarullah (AHM), Khizar (AHP), Hamd Rehman (AHP).

STS House, 2017



From L to R: Mr. Yaseen (DPE), Mr. Zeeshan (AHM), Umer Farooq (HP), Mr. Ayyaz Hussain (HM), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Mian Mustafa Shah (CP), Haji Abdul Rehman (ACP), Mr. Rashid (AHM), Mr. Rizwan (AHM), Mr. Tasawar (PTI)



Sher Khan Shaheed House, 2016



Syed Ateeq Ur Rehman
House Prefect



Hassan Fayyaz (Day Scholar)
Asst House Prefect



Muhammad Asad
Asst House Prefect



Naqeebullah
House Sports Secretary



Husnain Bajwa
House Mess Secretary

Sher Khan Shaheed House - A, 2017



Attique Afzal
House Prefect



Syed Shahzaib
Asst House Prefect



Tajal Noor
Asst House Prefect

Sher Khan Shaheed House - B, 2017



Ahmed Yar
House Prefect



Talha Sarwar
Asst House Prefect



Imran Khan
Asst House Prefect



Sher Khan Shaheed House

Karnal Sher Khan (1970-1999) is one of eleven recipients of Pakistan's highest gallantry award, the *Nishan-e-Haider*. Captain Sher Khan was posthumously awarded *Nishan-e-Haider*, for his actions during the Kargil Conflict with India in 1999.

Taking into account his devotion, commitment, determination and inspired heroism, this House was named after Captain Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed, *Nishan-e-Haider* in 1999. It consists of two Blocks (A & B), accommodating junior students from 5th to 8th classes. The House was inaugurated by Lt Gen Khalid Nawaz Khan, HI (M), *Sitara-i-Esar*, the then Chairman BOG, Commander 10 Corps and a proud Hallian on Nov 25, 2011.

This house is a large, 3 storeyed building, with hostel facility for the boarders, having capacity of accommodating more than 170 students along with HM's office, AHMs' rooms, a well-equipped common room and academic block in front of it and exclusive mess and exam hall facilities inside the house.

The Hallians of this House pledge to follow the footsteps of great Shaheed and have kept his torch high, by becoming the Champion House in the year 2016 and inspired the young Hallians to move forward.



'Pro Honore'
(Die for Honour)

Achievements of 2016

Recipients of Trophies:-

Qirat and Naat Competition:

Saad Khan

Squash Senior:

Muhammad Asad

Squash Junior:

Ahmad Shah

Inter House Academics:

Nasir

Chief of Army Staff Over All Champions

Trophy: Syed Ateeq-ur-Rehman

Achievements of 2017

Recipients of Trophies:-

Best Qari: Hafiz Muhammad Farhan

Best Naat Khawan: Nasar Ali

Quiz Competition: Uzair Shoukat

Best Speaker in English Debates

Competition:

Shamir Mohammad

Best Speaker in Urdu Debates Competition:

Ahsan Arshad

SKS House, 2016



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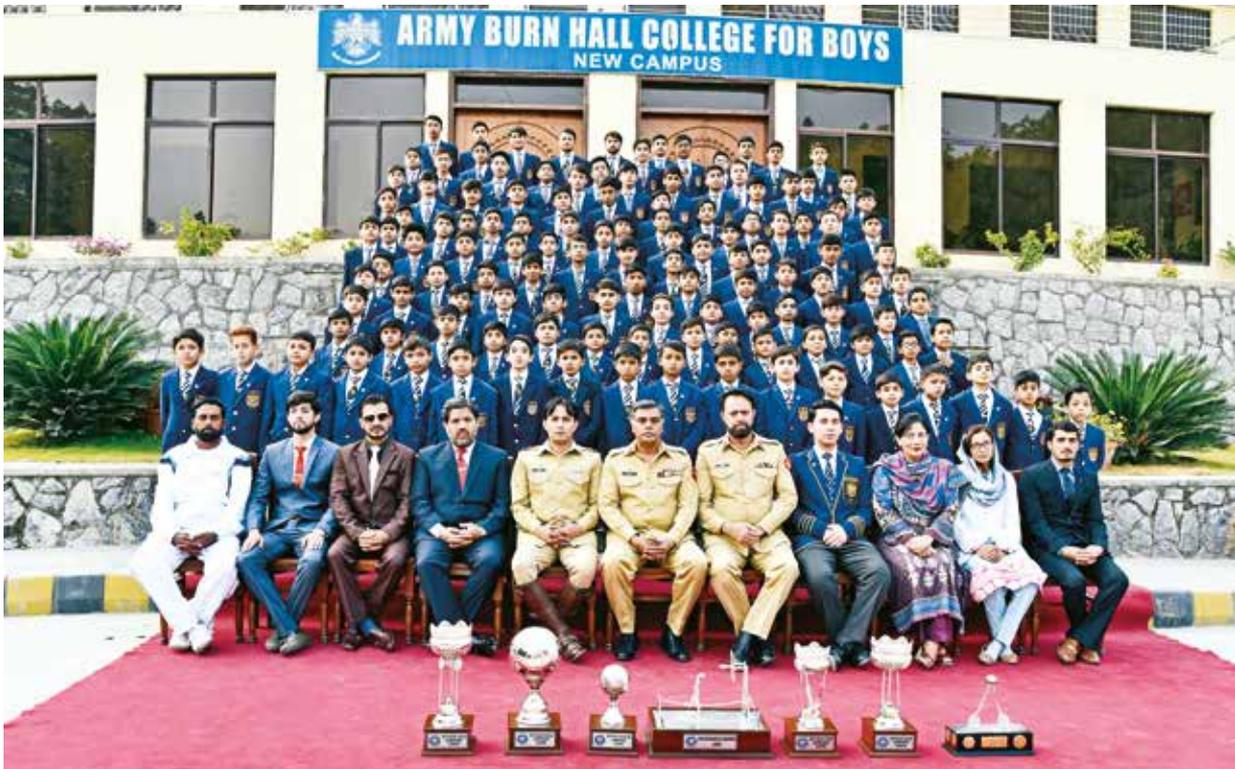
Mr. Mehmoed (PTT), Mr. Mubashir (AHM), Mr. Naeem (AHM), Nageebullah (Sports Secy), Maj Kaleem Abbas (Adjutant), Ayaz Khan (CSS), Mr. M. Ibrar (HM), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), M. Yasir (CP), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Atiq Ur Rehman (HP), Mr. Bakhtiar Uddin (HM), Musyyab (AP-Cambridge), Mr. Ishfaq (AHM), Mr. Rayad (AHM), Mr. Zahoor (AHM), Asad Aslam (AHP), Mr. M. Ali (AHM), Mr. Noman (AHM), Mr. Tahir (PTT)

SKS House - A, 2017



From L to R: Mr. Tahir (PTI), Mr. Taimoor, Mr. M. Ibrar (HM), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Mian Mustafa Shah (CP), Mrs. Aniqā Anwar, Dr. Mehwish

SKS House - B, 2017

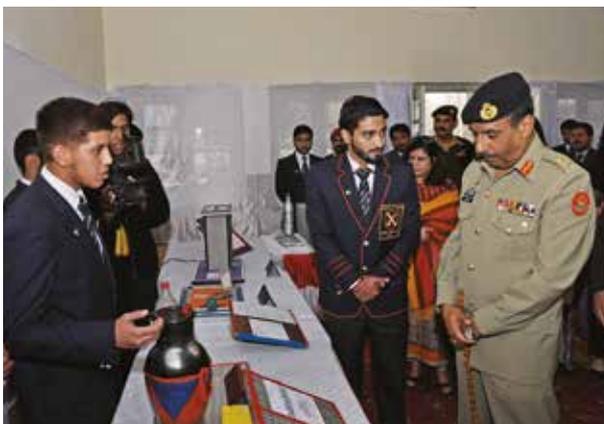


From L to R: Mr. Mehmood (PTI), Mr. Waqas, Mr. Asmat, Mr. Saqlain (HM), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Mian Mustafa Shah (CP), Mrs. Mehnaz, Dr. Mehwish, Mr. Haqnawaz

College Clubs / Exhibition

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities form an integral part of the training and grooming of the students at Army Burn Hall College for Boys. Various clubs and literary societies are a mean towards this end, which generates healthy activities and an atmosphere for balanced grooming. Besides being a source of entertainment for the students, the clubs provide the Hallians an opportunity to polish their skills.

Club activities received increased attention during the year. In fact, a complete day (Saturday) has been specified for the club activities, particularly Science Clubs. The purpose is to provide sufficient time / practice to students to develop taste for the Sciences subjects and literary activities.



Biology Club, 2016



From L to R: Naqeebullah Khan, Miss Sadaf Massey, Mr Hanif Khan, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mr. Rehmat Ullah, Mr. Zeeshan Khan, Komail.

Biology Club, 2017

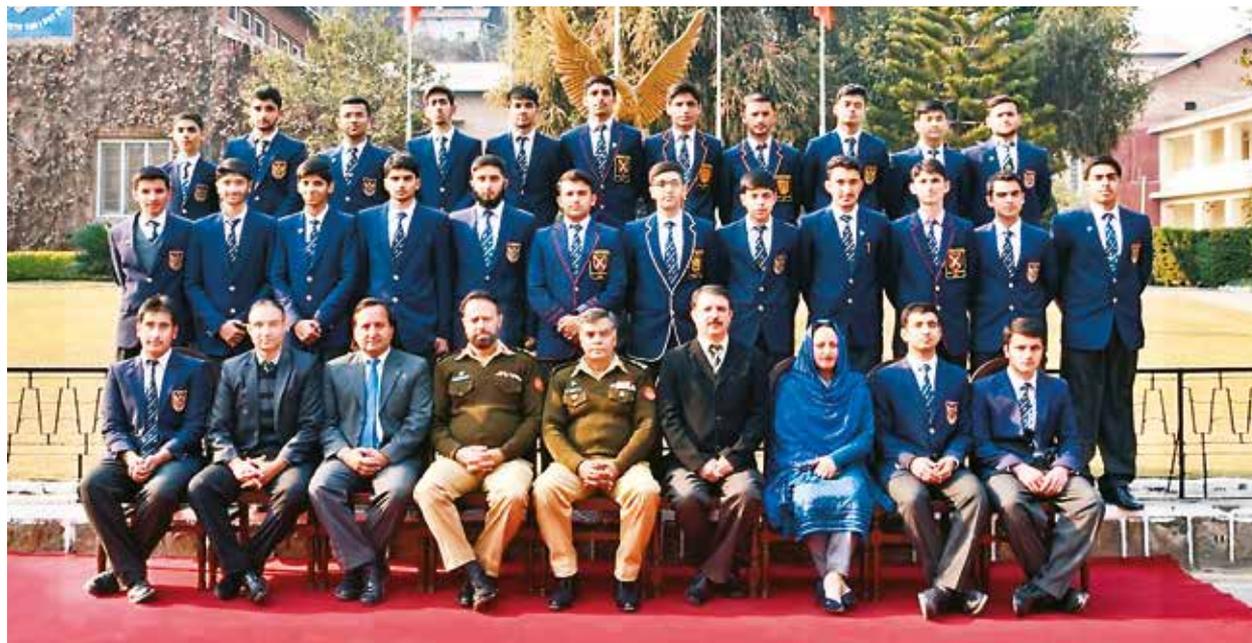


From L to R: Mr. Rehmat Ullah, Noman, Miss Sadaf Massey, Mr. Shad Muhammad, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Abdur Rehman, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mr. Zeeshan Khan, Waleed Afzal.

The Biology Club was determined to maintain its tradition by taking keen interest in the preparation of various projects. The exhibition was a clear reflection of their understanding about different aspects of nature. Hallians remained busy in performing various experiments which were related to life under the supervision of learned instructors of Biology Club.

The students presented various models on the Annual Parents' Day. The Chief Guest and parents took keen interest in these models. Some of the notable models were of Respiratory System, CT Scan and Classification of Plants etc.

Chemistry Club, 2016



From L to R: Wali Shabahat , Mr. Atif Mumtaz, Mr. Zahid Mehmood, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mrs. Fozia Kamran, Sibtain, Khushal

Chemistry Club, 2017



From L to R: Obaidullah, Noman, Khizar, Mr. Naseer Ahmed, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Abdur Rehman, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mr. Zahid Mehmood, Umer Khanzada.

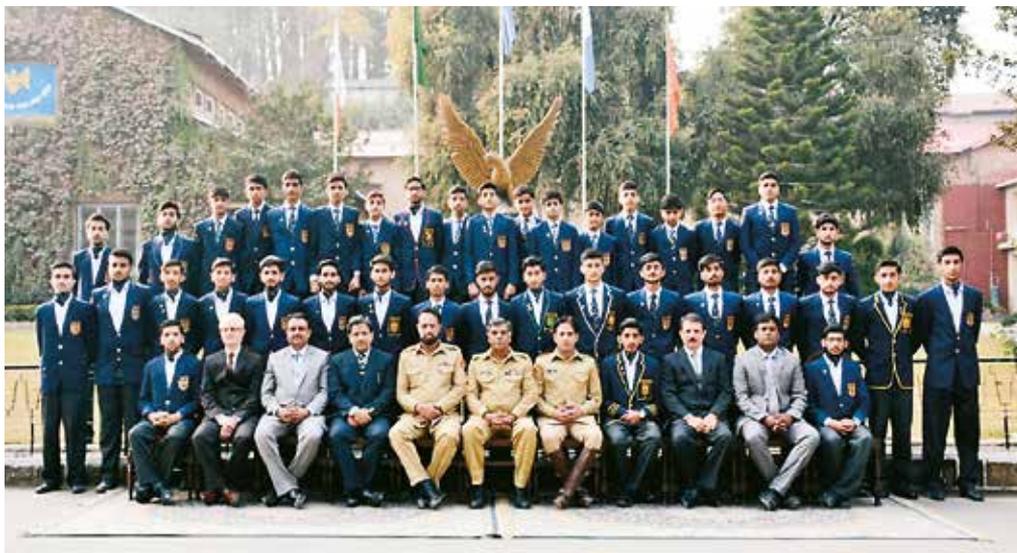
The role of Chemistry Club is very important in the progress of a nation. It brings the students closer to real life and makes them realize the importance of science in general and Chemistry in particular in the human advancement. This year too, the members of the club displayed excellent projects on the Annual Parents' Day. The Chief Guest and parents appreciated the efforts of the students. Among the projects were: Water Purification Plant, Voltaic Cells' Structure of Macromolecules, Industrial Production of Sulphuric Acid, Bleaching Powder, Solvay's Industry, Carbon and Nitrogen Cycles and Live Volcanic Eruption.

Electronics Club, 2016



From L to R: Usama , Mr. Wasib, Mr. Qasim, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mr. Ali, Mudassar, Mr. Ishfaq.

Electronics Club, 2017



From L to R: Usman, Mr. Ali, Mr. Qasim, Mr. Saqlain, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Abdul Rehman, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mr Wasib, M. Noman.

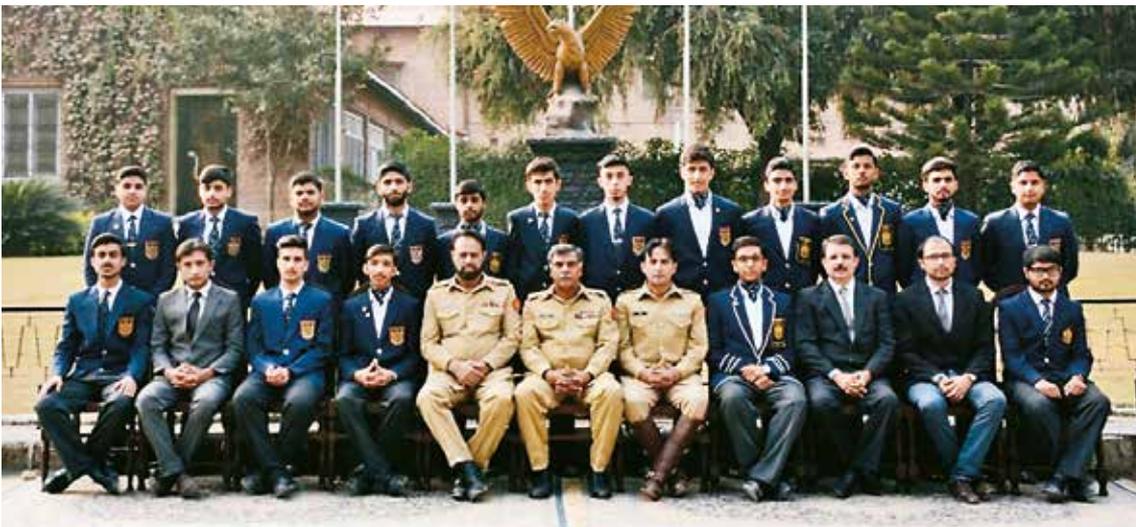
It is a fact that scientific development is the pre requisite for the prosperity of a country. It is the need of hour to inculcate the practical approach amongst the students. In this connection students do research before building a model and ensure provision of related knowledge. This year Electronics Club displayed creative and innovative projects on the Annual Parents' Day. Some of the remarkable projects were Fire Alarm, Friend -0-metre and a UPS. These projects were highly appreciated by the Chief Guest and parents.

Computer Club, 2016



From L to R: Ehtisham , Mr. Syed Sohail, Qazi Adnan, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mr. Jamshaid, Yasir, Hassan.

Computer Club, 2017



From L to R: Sarmad, Syed Sohail, Sher Khan , Talha, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Ahmad Rashid, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mr. Ahsan, Afaq.

Keeping in mind the importance of computer technology, Army Burn Hall College for Boys has laid special emphasis on the learning and practical of Information Technology. Since its foundation, the aim of the Computer Club is to promote software awareness in order to meet the future challenges. This club has been rendering valuable services in upgrading computer literacy. On this Annual Parents' Day, the students of computer club have proved their talent. The Chief Guest and parents appreciated the talents of students.

The projects displayed by the students were: RSA Encryption / Decryption, Age Calculator, Image Shop, Equation Solver and Graph Plotter.

Fine Arts Club, 2016



From L to R: Immad , Mian Mustafa, Mrs. Rubina, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Mrs. Iffat, Ms. Farzana, Ahmed Rashid.

Fine Arts Club, 2017



From L to R: Ahsan , Mrs. Tayyaba, Mrs. Iffat, Mr. Shabahat, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Usama Rafi, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Ms. Nazish, Mrs. Farzana.

Fine Arts Club provides an opportunity to the students to explore their talents and express their aesthetic skills. It also boosts their innate abilities. It has been rendering valuable services throughout the year.

On Annual Parents' Day, the students showed their aesthetic sense and taste by creating beautiful pieces of art such as wall hangings, oil paintings, pencil sketches and different cards. The gallery was greatly appreciated by the Chief Guest and parents.

Drama Club, 2016



From L to R: Mr. Zahoor, Mrs. Saima, Mrs Mehnaz, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Mrs. Aniq, Yasir, Mr. Mujtaba, Umer.

Drama Club, 2017



From L to R: Waheed ullah , Mr Aziz, Saad Tahir, Mr. Mansoor, Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (CI), Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha (Principal), Maj Abid Ali (Adjutant), Prince Mahad, Usman Sajjad, Syed Sohail, Syed Khizar.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities form an integral part of the training and grooming of the students at Army Burn Hall College for Boys. Various clubs and literary societies are a mean towards this end, which generates healthy activities and an atmosphere for balanced grooming. Besides being a source of entertainment for the students, the drama club provides the Hallians an opportunity to polish their artistic and creative skills.

According to Thomas Macaulay, “The real object of drama is the exhibition of human character.”

This year, on Annual Drama Night, the Drama Club presented an English Play ‘King Lear’ and an Urdu Drama ‘*Taleem-o-Tarbiyat*’, which were greatly appreciated by the guests.

College Sports Teams

Hockey Team, 2016



Hockey Team, 2017





Football Team, 2016



Football Team, 2017



Cricket Team, 2016



Cricket Team, 2017





Basketball Team, 2016



Basketball Team, 2017



Gymnastics Club, 2016



Gymnastics Club, 2017





Judo and Karate Club, 2016



Judo and Karate Club, 2017



An Interview With Mr. Saadat Abubakar-Hallian from Burn Hall Srinagar

Burn Hall institutions in Subcontinent started their journey from Baramulla and, later on Srinagar, Summer Capital of the State of Jammu and Kashmir. A mere mention of the word ‘Kashmir’ arouses the feelings of awe, for its magnificent and beautiful landscape, and a profound sense of sympathy and compassion, for indescribable atrocities that the people of Kashmir are sustaining in the hands of Indian Security Forces. So, meeting with an educated youth, who received his education at Burn Hall School, during past traumatic years was a sensational experience. Mr. Saadat Abubakar, a Software Engineer, was on a private visit to Pakistan to meet his relatives. His closed relatives reside in Abbottabad. The name of Burn Hall made him obliged to visit Army Burn Hall College, Abbottabad, on December 05, 2017. Accompanied by one of his cousins, Mr. Abdul Saeed, an Income Tax Official in the town, he met the Principal of the College, Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha, followed by an interview, conducted by the Chief Instructor. The summary of his interview is as follows:-



Question-1: *Can you tell us something about Burn Hall School, Srinagar, as it is functioning nowadays?*

Answer: Burn Hall School, Srinagar, is run by Missionaries. These missionaries are not from St. Joseph’s Society, known as Mill Hill Fathers, rather local Christians from India. It is a Higher Secondary School, consisting of about 2200 students. In the past, we were told that Burn Hall School used to have boarders, but now it is totally a day-scholars’ institution. As compared to your College, it is a small campus, around 20 Kanals of area.

Question-2: *When did you start at Burn Hall School and what level did you attain?*

Answer: I started in Nursery and completed my SSC from Burn Hall and did HSSC from another institution.

Question-3: *Can you tell us something about your family?*

Answer: My father died in 1995. In fact, he was killed by firing of Indian Security Forces, what they named as an ‘accidental firing’. They say, they opened the fire to kill someone else, but my father was hit accidentally. However, our family neither received any regrets from the security forces nor any compensation from the Govt for the great loss of life. My paternal uncle sponsored my education as well as of my sisters. I have three sisters and no brother.



Question-4: *What are you doing nowadays?*

Answer: I obtained Software Engineering Degree, but I am running my own business of construction work.

Question-5: *Can you share with us some memories of Burn Hall School?*

Answer: It is a wonderful school. Most of the teachers are Muslims, besides Christian, Pundits and Sikhs. Medium of instruction is English. School maintains religious harmony. Since it is a Day-Scholars' institution, students play cricket, football and basketball during games' period during school time. There is no concept of sports fixtures or College Reunions etc. as you have in this College.

Question-6: *How do you find our College?*

Answer: It is simply impressive and well maintained College, with magnificent infrastructure. Furthermore, it was really pleasing to see a Kashmir Army Officer doing as Vice Principal. We cannot think of in our part of Kashmir, someone rising to senior ranks, barring a few individuals who can be counted on fingers. You told me that in Azad Kashmir a large number of people are serving in Army and some have even risen to the rank of four stars and three stars. It cannot be dreamt in India, let alone in J&K.

Question-7: *Anything you want to say, please feel at home to say?*

Answer: My suggestion is that there should be some interaction between faculty and students of both the institutions if possible. Further, if feasible, some exchange programmes can be extremely helpful to broaden the outlook and world view of the students on both the sides.

At the end, the Interviewer, Colonel Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi, Chief Instructor/ Vice Principal, Army Burn Hall College, extended profound gratitude to Mr. Saadat Abubakar for visiting our College and sharing his views.



Mr. Rashid
English Department



Essence of Life

**“You are neither for the earth, nor for the sky,
The world is for you and you are not for the world”. – Iqbal**

Unguarded moments sometimes speak to reality loudly and make such valuable assets that deeply considered options only sub-serve. What in fact makes the destiny, are these moments. Human growth is more related to such moments than it is to the cravings and other manipulations. Only through these moments, giant leaps become possible and the remaining time is spent in regulatory practices. Man, in fact, gets into the pursuit of gains, when he plans or thinks of his advantage. He misses more and gets less. Choices fructify when they are left to themselves, as do the flowers, if not plucked for the pleasure. The compulsions beautify every choice but who knows where lies the harvest of salvation.

Confidence takes deep roots and permeates the whole spectrum, when there is an atmosphere of giving more and taking less. In an environment where people come out spontaneously to help the needy, confidence stands tall in every nook and corner. A man’s confidence is determined by his adjustment to a new situation. When frustration becomes true and hopes fail, the futility of living pesters the frustrated ones. The hopeful always finds some light somewhere. Every man’s life has some beautiful textures and patterns which fascinate. There is always a beautiful image in the background, which becomes well-defined if the devotion enhances. The time spent in that exercise, sweetens every moment, shapes the dreams and harmonizes the thought. The fragrant zone doesn’t evaporate. If the stability is lost, the messages are half heard and the vision is blurred. This is the whole dilemma.

Deep spiritual relationship binds the human beings together. Parents are in fact spiritually bound to their children and therefore, on that score, they never lose. The spiritual streams flow down more vigorously. They know no obstacle. They are oily smoothed and the slightest rustle leaves them disturbed. Salvation knocks at the door repeatedly. If the response is positive, it will become a permanent inmate.

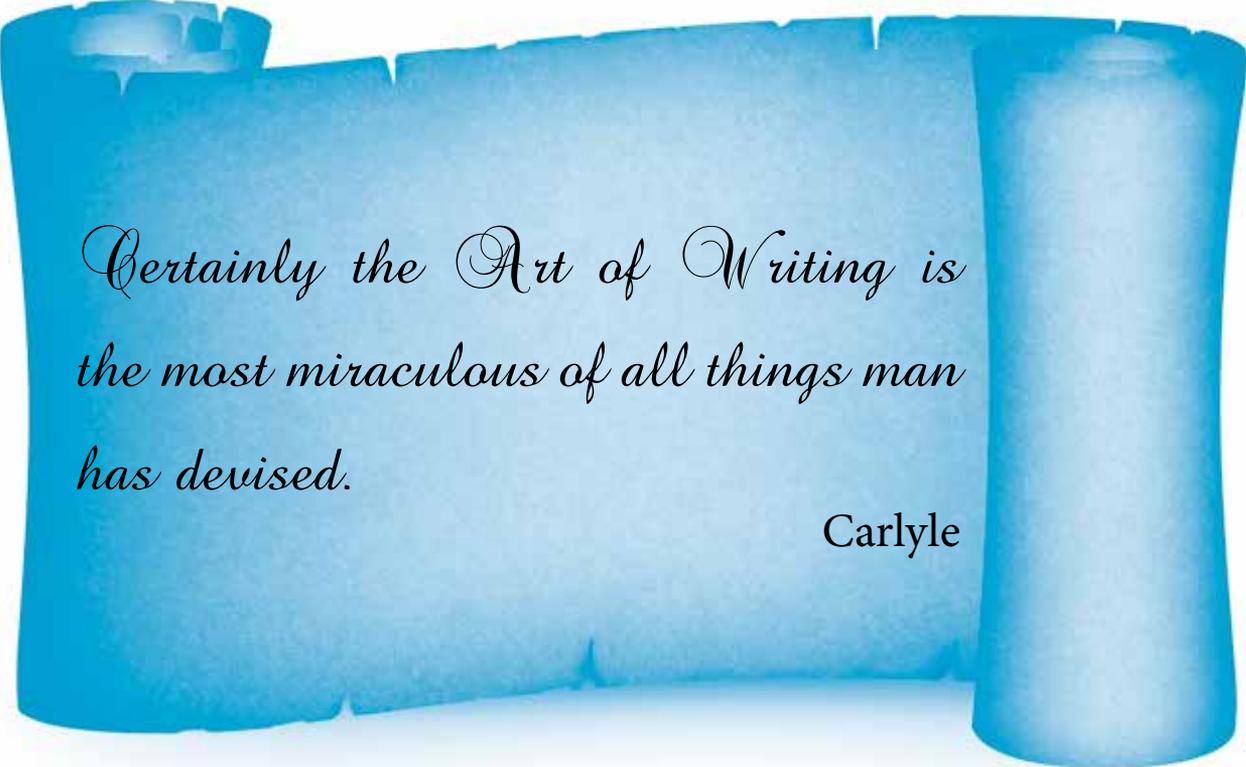
Tension, fear of the unknown and the known, insecurity manifest or implied, apprehensions of losing face and other meshed that the man is caught in, have made him vulnerable to many sudden shocks. Every man is standing at the threshold of some bigger theatre which gives him tremors. He always fears that some external force is going to push him into some abyss. If he falls, vast untraversed wilderness of human apathy will eat him up. No exceptions come true and no fears allude to escape routes.

Service to humanity is one pedestal where man stands to reap contentment, most of the time. Self sacrifice is the only key to contentment. The training of the self has to be picked up in all earnestly and quite rigorously. When the training is good, in culmination, one feeds the crows while sitting hungry. That is the supreme stage of contentment. Contentment ensures the nobility



of character and leads man to graceful options, which he should surely leave to others, if their needs are more ardent. In contentment is the circumstance pleasing. It envisions broader vision and greater scopes. It keeps man above the inadequate. He stands firmly. No monotony disturbs, nor any deprivation irritates.

The make and break continues, subject to the changing situations. Affliction and happiness are two big determinants, which keep alternating the integration and disintegration. Moving forward in the cause of good, to face odds, means, being courageous. Temerity, determination, dauntlessness, boldness, daring, gallantry, guts and intrepidity are the synonyms of courage but not the exact alternatives. Courage, in fact, defines itself well, when it faces danger with grace. The courage stands to fortunes and misfortunes equally honourable. Young men can be exalted to such grace by acquainting them with hazardous situation repeatedly both psychologically and physically. Those who ride on torrents, know their strength also. In the fearful environment only the courageous hold proportionately. Sense of purpose gives more courage to understand the risky situations. Only courageous has the self-respect, self-discipline, and self-control. Ego is the solidification of courage. Confidence is directly proportionate to goodness. The endeavours should be made to dig out the essential goodness in its true size and essence. In complete humility lies the total ascendancy. The trumpets herald the triumph and man measures his size. He becomes the denizen of a much richer, vaster and bigger world. He creates a new circumstance and enjoys it when he sees it flowering into the good of humanity. The nations which initiate their youth into goodness of humanity are the most confident and forward looking.



*Certainly the Art of Writing is
the most miraculous of all things man
has devised.*

Carlyle

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Language is the Dress of Thought

Language is one of the greatest gifts that the Supreme Being bestows on the supreme creature. It happens to be an ultimate power as Almighty himself made use of the very tools in terms of revelation and direct conversation. It is the divine light which can be decoded by beautiful words. The human being is the crown of creation endowed with intellect. He is usually called a speaking animal as he can speak his mind and thought through his tongue. This is a distinctive feature that marks us out from all the other species.



Language is channel of connection with the world. We commune with others and form opinions about their character, repute, trustworthiness and seriousness. The effect of words may be plain or immensely powerful, crushing a heart or healing it. They can humiliate a soul, chastise it or liberate it. They can shatter dreams or invigorate them. They can obstruct connection or invite it. Similarly, it is the tongue which is creating foes, establishing animosity and above all destroying the peace of society. Very few people know the harm of bitter words, in fact these words, personify their personality. For instance, we come across with a very sophisticated and an elegant person with a refined outfit. For a moment he may appeal to us, tempting us to talk to him. If we find him using derogatory or obscene words, he becomes repulsive and we will feel like appearance is deception.

Islam, being the religion of peace, is very emphatic that one should be mindful of his/her daily utterances. It even declares in the Holy Quran that “Kind words and forgiving of faults are better than charity (2:263)”. It takes a million compliments to build up and one insult to send it all crushing down. Undoubtedly, actions speak louder than words, however, words hurt more than actions. That is why an injury inflicted by words remains incurable. Therefore, these words are a gateway to our souls depicting a genuinely true image of ours, not to us but to the outer world at large.

Our present day society indulges in flippant conversation. It can be easily observed that many people are involved in gossiping, back-biting, loose talk and character assassination. These are negative traits, which are detrimental to society. This trend is also prevailing in schools and colleges where students engage themselves in wall chalking with notorious and obnoxious words. This sheer humiliating attitude of choosing hideous words depicts inner traces as well as interior trauma of their own personalities. Undoubtedly speaking courteously reflects you as a groomed person. Otherwise many gentlemen are true embodiment of “tailor made thee”. Trendy clothes combined with branded shoes but awful language tumbles down your image.

By looking at lives of different poets and writers, we come to know that they have composed stunningly classic lines and words, which made them live in hearts forever. A thing of beauty gives an everlasting joy, which is similar to the joy of a beautiful language. We keep cherishing not only happy moments but lovely words and their bliss never perishes in our hearts.

It is time to look within and reflect on the state of our society, which needs overhauling. In order to refine the society, the Islamic message regarding the proper use of words needs to be highlighted. This will genuinely create a peaceful, loving society; a paragon of true civilization and sophistication. Certainly, language is an expression of soul and a dress of thought.



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Beauty is Truth, Truth Beauty

“Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that’s all ye know on earth and all ye need to know” (John Keats)



A number of philosophers, poets and thinkers have defined beauty in their own way, yet there exists such a wide gap between their opinions that one becomes sceptical of all. But scepticism is no conclusion. Needless to say, beauty is identifiable to one’s personal perceptions of it. So, we have no definite definition of beauty.

To some philosophers like Socrates “Beauty is short lived tyranny”. Some, like Tolstoy, declare it a delusion. There are some others who reject physical appearance and consider beauty as something heart-deep. To some people it is facial beauty, which can please each individual. Not only these but there are also several other concepts considering beauty as deception, illusion and happiness. After having gone through all these puzzling descriptions, one is tempted to ask what beauty really is? Could we give a clear definition to this complex and abstract idea, or is it a relative term, defined in terms of being in the eyes of the beholder?

Before coming to a solid conclusion, it is necessary to know what are the constituents of beauty and where do we find beauty? Beauty is present in the face, especially that of a baby. Our mind formulates beautiful ideas and expresses it in the form of creativity. Beauty lies in the eyes of the observer not in the object. It is present in human body. Beauty is there even in lifeless objects, it is present in animals and in natural surroundings. Beauty is there in a big field covered with lush green grass. Beauty is also there in big mountains and small hills. Beauty is there in a small child. Beauty is visible in words and present in deeds. But physically, all these aspects are different from each other. One cannot compare the beauty of mountains to the beauty of women. A child’s beauty lies in the innocence while that of the ocean’s in its depth. Neither could one compare the beauty of a child with the beauty of an ocean.

Now, here we observe what the basic constituents of Beauty are and why man appreciates it. The reason behind this is perhaps that beauty contains harmony, symmetry and proportion and it is indubitable that human beings appreciate symmetry and harmony, even if they cannot create such symmetry and harmony. This is philosophy given by Plato.

It is this sense of symmetry and proportion, which is appreciated by human eye, which in broad term is called Beauty. Here we can sort out the differences between those who deny that beauty exists, like Tolstoy, Socrates and Dante (to these individuals, there cannot exist a perfect harmony. To them symmetry cannot be an exact match to proportion) and who appreciate beauty, those who declare it as happiness, and strongly support that symmetry is possible. Keats in his first poem “Endymion” says,

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever”



It is not easy to see beauty as a joy forever, especially in our day-to-day life because it gradually withers away. The life of a red rose is hardly five to ten days and its physical beauty fades away with the passage of each day. So in such a case, it is difficult to realize that beauty is not a fleeting moment but an eternal bliss. John Keats was a passionate lover of beauty. Beauty is a dominant characteristic of his poetry. Poets have always been the lovers of beauty. But in the poetry of Keats it has been the most dominant theme.

Keats at first is viewed as appreciating beauty in its concrete sense but later his concept of beauty became more intellectual. Instead of worshipping beauty, he began to worship the mighty idea of abstract beauty that appealed to imagination, which in fact passes beyond the world of senses to the world of eternity. Shelley called it “intellectual beauty” in one of his Hymns. Keats has variously described this concept. In his “Ode to Nightingale”, it is merely a song of a nightingale, which enchants his ears, but gradually he escapes into another world where this beauty remains forever, whereas, this song was only a symbol.

An ideal always lives in one’s imagination. Such ideal can be one’s destination or one’s idea about his/her life pattern. Such ideals are not only harmony i.e. symmetry and proportion but also morality, nobility and goodness.

According to T.S Eliot “Poetry is not the assertion of truth but the making of that truth more fully real to us.” To Keats this was revealed in the ‘Ode to Grecian Urn’ that beauty is truth. In this ode, imagination reveals a new aspect of beauty. Beauty, which is higher than the beauty of Cleopatra, profounder than that of heaven, beauty present on the surface of earth i.e. essence of beauty extracted by the imagination out of that fleeting moment which eliminates the beauty, it is that condensed essence which is truth. Human life will go on, people will come and appreciate the beauty present around them but beauty remains there. It does not remain like that ‘Grecian Urn’, but in some other shape.

So, it is an old maxim that when you exclude all the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth. Another important thing to note is that beauty is always appreciated because of its harmony and such a harmony has stability, while stability derives truth. Beauty is truth that stands still and alive forever, and whatever remains forever and unchanged is the truth.



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Examinaria Studentalis

The 'exams', what a dreadful word for learners, and students have ever heard in their life, rather it will be more appropriate to say that the word 'exam' is such an indigestible food item that needs a strong digestive system supplemented with group of carminative manufactured by well renowned, skilled and certified pharmaceutical industries.

The, 'Examinaria studentalis', is one of epidemic disease related to the exams, which is the root cause of this disease. Beware of the fact that carminatives used may or may not be equally effective for all the patients suffering from this disease therefore it may affect the entire population indiscriminately.

Let us analyse the disease in scientific ways.

- ◆ **Name of Disease:** Examinaria Studentalis.
- ◆ **Susceptibles/Targets:** Students/learners of all groups irrespective of their age, class, level etc.
- ◆ **Signs/Symptoms:**
 - Lethargic expression reflected on the face of patient along with shaking body gestures.
 - Usually late coming to the examination hall.
 - Once, inside the hall, looking around like a modern radar to find out the position of their allied and of course their enemies (usually invigilators to settle their goals for the completion of their plan.
 - Once communication network is established, they try to operate it. It is worth mentioning that communication network is established with high degree of secrecy.
 - Sometime the signals are intercepted and communication network is badly damaged by huge explosion because of intensive bombardment by the enemies (well known to all of us). If communication network is still safe then you are lucky but chances are very rare.
 - Frequent visits to the most wanted place, the supply depot, of course washrooms.
 - Eagerly waiting for half time to attend the other important meetings already scheduled.



◆ **Preventions/Remedies:**

- Always keep your mind clean and hygienic to avoid the attack of disease.
- Always try to avoid interaction with the patients suffering from this disease.
- Booster doses of vaccine – chapta – w (chapter wise revision) is required.
- Always pay due attention to the advice of your doctor (known to every body).

◆ **Treatment:**

If unfortunately someone is suffering from this disease, following methods / medications can be applied to treat the patient:

- Low potency antibiotics – classes' testia a broad spectrum antibiotic (regular class tests).
- In case of no response to the anti-biotics high potency anti-biotic are recommended in the form of parents' call. For this purpose especially designed anti-biotic parentia – calia is administered.
- If situation is still alarming, then refer the case to the penal of specialist doctors (Section Head, CI and Principal).
- In case of no recovery, surgery (operation) is recommended or patient may be referred to the other hospitals of the country with all previous record in the form of expulsion letter which may be taken as movement order.

At the time of expulsion the entire team of doctors look sad and disappointed. This couplet may reflect their feelings.

میری چاہت میں شاید کچھ کمی تھی۔
وہ پتھر دل پگھلنا چاہیے تھا

In the end, I pray to God, that O God, safeguard my Hallians from this fatal disease, the Examinaria Studentalis.

(آمین)



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The Holy Quran & Biological Sciences

For many centuries, humankind was unable to study certain data contained in the verses of the Quran because they did not possess sufficient scientific means. It is only today that numerous verses of the Quran dealing with natural phenomena have become comprehensible. A reading of old commentaries on the Quran, however, knowledgeable their authors may have been in their day, bears solemn witness to a total inability to grasp the depth of meaning in such verses. In the 21st century, with its compartmentalization of ever-increasing knowledge, it is still not easy for the average scientist to understand everything he reads in the Quran on such subjects, without having recourse to specialized research. This means that to understand all such verses of the Quran, one is nowadays required to have an absolutely encyclopedic knowledge embracing many scientific disciplines.

In fact it is only in modern times that scientific progress has made the hidden meaning of some Quranic verses comprehensible to us. In the case of a verse in chapter Al-Ambiyaa

“Do the unbelievers not realize that the heavens and the earth were joined together, then I clove them asunder and I made every living thing out of water. Will they still not believe?” (21:30)

This is a dramatic affirmation of the modern idea that the origin of life is aquatic.

Progress in Botany at the time of Muhammad (S.A.W) was not advanced enough in any country for scientists to know that plants have both male and female parts. We may read the following in the chapter TaaHaa:

“(God is the One who) sent down rain from the sky and with it brought forth a variety of plants in pairs.” (20:53)

Today we know that fruit comes from plants that have gender characteristics even when they come from unfertilised flowers, like bananas. In the chapter Ar-Raad we read the following:

“... and of all fruit (God) placed (on the earth) two pairs.” (13:3)

When we look in the field of physiology we come to know that one thousand years before the discovery of the blood circulatory system, and roughly thirteen centuries before it was determined that the internal organs were nourished by the process of digestion. A verse from chapter An-Nahal described the source of the constituents of milk, in conformity with scientific facts.

“Verily, in cattle there is a lesson for you. I give you drink from their insides, coming from a conjunction between the digested contents (of the intestines) and the blood, milk pure and pleasant for those who drink it.” (16:66)



This very precise concept is the result of the discoveries made in chemistry and physiology of the digestive system over one thousand years after the time of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W).

There are a multitude of statements in the Quran on the subject of human life, which constitute a challenge to the embryologist seeking a human explanation for them. It was impossible for a human being living in the early seventh century to have accurately expressed such ideas.

In chapter Al-Insaan the Quran states:

Biodiversity is the disparity, difference and multiplicity of the living beings on the earth. There is a variety of plants, animals, and bacterial, fungal and viral micro organisms as well as Protista in the animal field. The verses of the Quran make mention of the following animals: camels, mosquitoes, spiders, bees, snakes, locusts, horses, mules, donkeys, serpents, pigs, mounts, the beast of the earth, birds, sheep, frogs, cattle, crows, monkeys, lice, dogs, pearls, molars, hoopoes etc.

In the botanical field, the verses of the Quran make mention of the following plants: grass, tamarisk, onions, legumes, figs, mustard, pomegranate, ears, trees, sheaths, spathes, lentils, clusters, husks, grapes, fruits, garlics, cucumbers, pellicles, camphor, date stones, pumpkins etc.

The verses of the Quran refer to the animal, botanical and human variations like wools, fibres and hairs. We read:

“And out of their wool, and their soft fibres (between wool and hair), and their hair, rich stuff and articles of convenience (to serve you) for a time.” (An-Nahl 16:80)

The verses of the Quran also handle their manners of walking. We read:

“Allah has created every creature from water. And of them are those that move on their bellies, and of them are those that walk on two legs, and of them are those that walk on four. Allah creates what He wills. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent.” (An-Nur 24:45)

The fact that we possess the mummy of this Pharaoh is one of paramount importance. The Quran, in chapter Yunus, notes that the body of the Pharaoh would be saved from the waters:

“Today I will save your dead body so that you may be a sign for those who come after you.” (10:92)

A medical examination of this mummy has shown that the body could not have stayed in the water for long, because it does not show signs of deterioration due to prolonged submersion. Here again, the comparison between the narration in the Quran and the data provided by modern knowledge does not give rise to the slightest objection from a scientific point of view.

A totally objective examination of the Quran, in the light of modern knowledge, makes us deem it quite unthinkable for a man of Muhammad’s time to have been the author of such statements, on account of the state of knowledge in his day. Such considerations are part of what gives the Quranic revelation its unique place among religious and non-religious texts, and forces the impartial scientist to admit his inability to provide an explanation based solely upon materialistic reasoning.

Such facts are challenge to human explanation leaving only one alternative:

“The Quran is undoubtedly a revelation and gift from God”



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Man is the Architect of His Own Destiny

“The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on: Nor all thy piety nor wit,
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.”
(Edward Fitzgerald)



I am against this poetic vision of Edward Fitzgerald. He was of the view that man is helpless and at the same time puppet in the hands of destiny. But that is not the case. If you want to touch the sky, you can, if you want to move the earth, you can, if you want to go deeper than oceans, you have the ability to touch the nadir. It is your will which really pays the bill.

Most of us do not dare to ignite the spirit, we follow the footsteps of those who have really shaken the earth, we follow the footprints of those who have really wondered the world, and we imitate those who have achieved the unachievable. This is not bad but good too, because we have been blessed with new sparks, new enthusiasms and new blessings. If we try to make wonders, we can do marvellously. But we always mourn the destiny; we deem fate behind our failures, we think of our luck ignominious. No, great people have made their lucks glimmering, their fates sparkling and destinies charming. But to make up the destiny, you need to work hard, you need to be different from others, and you ought to put the efforts, only then you can achieve.

Destiny, fate, future and luck all such things are considered unachievable, untouchable, something supernatural, something miraculous. But logic dictates that they are not. So is logic wrong or the traditional concepts are misleading! If we put some thought to it, it's our own attitude which is to be blamed. As the saying goes, “if you can't change your fate, change your attitude.” In every possible frame of mind in which we may choose to think we will find it to be true. Each man, with his unique capabilities, has the power to choose, which is the only thing that matters for achieving everything. Life is tough for those who think it is tough. We might not want to change our job with a better one solely for the fears of adjustments. The “risk factor” is also the stopping factor, so does it make human life stagnant? Does a scientist stop doing work on a miracle drug from the fear that it may not lead to perfect results?

People who don't try, don't usually get anywhere. Man has the inherent tendency of being manipulated by his own mind. So why not divert it into something useful. Manipulating one's own self to stay positive and be determined to be hopeful, to be brave is the need of hour.

All the intellectuals and successful people in the world are the same as us; it's only what they choose to become that made them different. Man is superior because God has framed his future unlike any other being, which is the greatest blessing for him. No-one can think for you, no-one can turn dreams into reality for you, only you can feel for yourself and only you can do it.

As Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran “Verily! Allah will never change the condition of the people until they change it themselves.” So, Allah Himself says if you want to change your fortune, no hindrance can detract you from prosperity, change and triumph.



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The Gift of Caring

“The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that’s the essence of inhumanity.” [George Bernard Shaw]

Life is sensitivity. The lowest life is sensitive only to itself; it does not care. The highest we come in the scale of existence, the higher the range of sensitivity and the deeper the depth of caring we find.

We can judge how far we have risen in the scale of life by asking one question: How widely and how deeply am I sensitized? How widely and how deeply do I care? The extent of the elevation of an animal and, of course, any rational being, can be measured by the degree to which sacrificial love for others controls that being. If little sacrificial love controls that being, the life is low: if more, the life is higher. Not how cultured, how rich, how educated, how highly-born we are, but how much sacrificial love we have for others, determines how higher in the scale of existence we are.

Our compassion for others seems to be directly correlated to whether people are close to us socially, emotionally, culturally, ethnically, economically and geographically. Some people are sensitized only to themselves. They live in a state of self-reference. “How will that affect me?” is their first reaction. In a railway wreck, people were pulling out the dead and dying, a woman sat on her suitcase, swaying back and forth in agony, and saying, “Oh, my new pair of shoes. I’ll make the railway pay for them.” She didn’t know it, but she revealed she was low down in the scale of existence – her mind was on her shoes. Then there are those who are sensitized to their family: they live in a state of family reference. Similarly, children and teens often have a great deal of empathy for their close friends and family, but it is often harder to truly value those outside this circle of concern, especially those who are different, such as a new student in class, someone who speaks a different language or even someone who dresses differently from them – they are a little higher in the scale of existence but not much.

Some are sensitized to their class. They live in a state of class reference. They reveal their level of development. Then there are those who are sensitized to their race. They feel race pain not human pain. Then there are those who are sensitized to a person as a person- apart from race and birth and colour and class. In the highest realm of human living there are those who are sensitized even to their enemies.

The future of the world is in the hands of those who care, not on a limited scale – myself, my family, my class, my race, my party – but in the hands of those who care with unlimited caring.

Students can demonstrate caring, by doing small nice things. For example, if someone has gone for few days, offer to help him get caught up and sharing your notes with him can make a



difference. Nevertheless, to help someone cheat is no way caring or helping rather, it is appreciable to help a classmate, if he needs help understanding a specific subject.

Teachers are also effective when they deeply care about the learning of each student. When students know that their teachers genuinely care, they respond by exerting greater effort to reach their potential. The educators bear a special responsibility to train the young generation to become helpful to everyone and have deep affection for the hungry, the thirsty, the diseased, the homeless and the lonely ones. It takes courage to be called ‘caring’, because people who care run the risk of being hurt. It is not easy to let our guard down, open our heart, react with sympathy or compassion or indignation or enthusiasm, when usually it’s much easier and sometimes much safer not to get involved. To care, we have to surrender the armour of indifference. We have to be willing to act, to make the first move. People who take the risk make a tremendous discovery: The more things we care about, and the more intensely we care, the more alive we are. As we begin to care, we begin to share: and as we begin to share, we begin to love. So the greatest development in life is a development in caring, in sharing, in loving.

We must pray this little prayer everyday: ‘Let our hearts be broken by the suffering and pain around us.’ This prayer is a crying out to God, that God would break our hearts yet again and again, so that we may love other people, the way God does. No man or woman can, unless God breaks that individual’s heart. Only then can he or she – or we – care and love as He loves. That’s why we must pray constantly that God will soften our hearts so we see the world the way He sees it.

May we generously share the gift of caring with our fellow human beings and make this world a better place to live in. May God bless us to reach out our hand to comfort others and transform their pain into joy. It does not need a lot of money, but it needs a heart full of compassion. Don’t wait for the time to do big things. Start with little acts of kindness to make a difference. As Mother Teresa said, “We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”



Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

(Margaret Mead)

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Burn Hall Team's Excursion Trip to Naran

Educational visits help students to learn about the most beautiful geographical landscape that our motherland has been gifted with. It also broadens their understanding about the rich culture and societal trends of various parts of Pakistan. The College has planned a number of educational visits and excursion trips for students and the faculty during the current academic year. These visits were made further purposeful by making them incentives for high performers for various activities. The students who would achieve the best results



in Board and Cambridge Exams would be taken to visit beautiful places of the country including Kashmir i.e. Athmuqam, Chakothi, Chakaar and Northern Areas. The faculty members, whose class will achieve the best results, would accompany them. To start with, the students and the faculty members responsible for organizing Alumni's Reunion and publication of the special edition of Hallmark during Summer Vacation were taken to Naran for trip on July 11-12, 2017. The students from 2nd year class who hosted ex-Hallians in the campus

during this Re-Union were part of this contingent.

Hazara Division of Pakistan offers exquisite visiting resorts, right from Haripur to Babusar pass. The city of Abbottabad itself and its surroundings, Mansehra, Batarasi, Shinkiari, and from Buttal again to Northern areas, alongwith KKH, a visitor is mesmerized to witness the bounties of nature that this region is blessed with. But what lies from Balakot onward through Shogran, Kaghan, Naran, Lolosar and Babusar is simply beyond description. Tall yet green and accessible mountains, lush green valleys, fast flowing and wriggling Kunhar River, eye-captivating, shining streams flowing at every hundred meters on the entire length and breadth of this region are just a few glimpses that a visitor can think of about these areas. Hazara is again fortunate being the most peaceful region of the country. So one can see the traffic flow even late at night in the months of Summer, particularly from April to November.



The road from Abbottabad to Babusar pass is well constructed, though little squeezing with the overflow of traffic, especially on weekends. The only 'negative' which reflects on poor civic sense of the visitors is lack of cleanliness around the populated hubs of the region. One of the most beautiful Lakes, Lake Saiful Maluk in Naran, offers an apology for the poor civic sense of its visitors. But the second Lake 'Lolosar Lake', the second tributary of Kunhar, besides Saiful Maluk, presents a more serene, clean and unspoiled nature.



In Naran and the surrounding areas, the Burn Hall's contingent relished for two days. The contingent reached Naran in the evening, and travelled further to Lake Saiful Maluk. The weather was cloudy with light sprinkle around the Lake and the visitors were in a large numbers. The students and children, particularly who visited the area for first time, were simply overwhelmed by the bewildering and



enchanted atmosphere. They were at a loss to decide which scenes should be captured through the lens of camera and which ones should be left. Students strolling around the Lake; some riding the horses and some sitting and enjoying in the boats, were expressing with words and at times with gestures their gratitude to the nature which offered a happy mix of thrill, adventure and entertainment. The dinner, having barbecue, tasty rice and qorma, under melodious tones of songs; thanks to excellent arrangements made by College Adjutant, Major Abid Ali, was even more entertaining. 'The night' was the night only for individuals advancing in age, being exhausted, but for the youth it was dawn plus dawn and further roaming in the company of trees and flowing water of heavy streams, originating from 'Lake Saiful Maluk'.



The next day was open to individual likes and preferences. Some decided to move back, resting and enjoying frequently at different places. While another party, led by Chief Instructor, ventured to embrace Lolosar Lake. Glaciers were found at different places. The whole day remained cloudy with light showers. No one would ever wish to leave these areas, but with heavy heart. It would be, however, in the fitness of the things, if visitors do not stay for too long in these areas, for wherever human dwellings increase, the beauty of geographical landscape would never remain unaffected. Stink around Lake Saiful Maluk and solid waste thrown in Naran would testify the veracity of this statement. Governments and people must do something to protect the natural beauty of our motherland, Pakistan, which has probably the unique geography, equal to none in the world, offering all four seasons, including extremes; the hottest places in the world and centuries old glaciers, with at least 3-4 four top peaks of the world. It is the of the coming generations and a debt on all of us to make conscientious efforts to keep Pakistan clean and peaceful.



"The mountain, the rivers and the sun-set, I saw here my Lord unveiled."

(Doctor Allama Muhammad Iqbal)



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A Hallian at Stanford

I started thinking of going abroad since I was very young, so it can be considered as the dream of my life. In my opinion, studying abroad improves a person's capabilities immensely-both personally and intellectually. So last year I browsed the opportunities to study in one of the world's leading institutions. I found many summer school courses. Stanford University, being the front-runner in the world in technology and innovation, caught my attention and I decided to apply. Fortunately, I got admission in Stanford Summer Marketing Team, availing 50% scholarship too.



I joined Stanford Summer Marketing Team where I got the opportunity to cover events and trips of my journey. As a part of this team, I got great exposure of working in a semi-professional environment.

On 20th June I left for USA with my head filled with hope, dreams, excitement and adventure. I landed at San Francisco Airport after a long and tiring 24-hour flight. I stayed at my cousin's house for one day. And then the next day, I moved to Stanford.

First Impressions

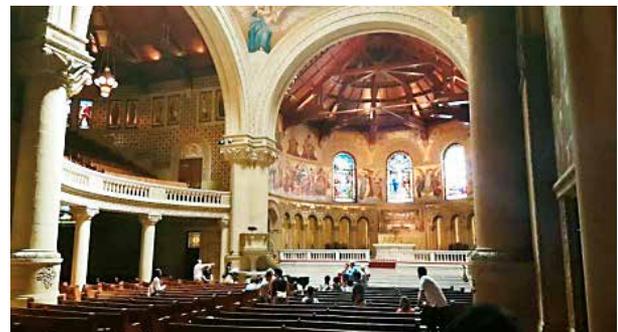
I landed at San Francisco Airport and where my cousin picked me up and took me to Palo Alto. I wasn't surprised much by America because Hollywood movies had prepared me for this day. The infrastructure was too good. There were trees everywhere, on the sides of the road and in the middle. You can't walk two steps without being near a tree. Abbottabad can be modelled on this by planting more trees.

Stanford Culture

The culture at Stanford is a cool and casual one. They promote optimism. The optimism about the work they do or they plan to do combined with the learning opportunities, leads them to success. This makes it the cradle of innovation. Stanford also promotes bike culture. Students' bike everywhere. I myself didn't get one because I wanted to walk and explore the campus and just soak it all in while I'm still there. Everything that happens at Stanford is spontaneous. Plans are made up in the fraction of a second and then carried out with the same enthusiasm and speed.

The Campus

The campus was beautiful and huge. The infrastructure was pretty modern. It was like a mini-city. Downtown was a 30 minutes walk away from campus. This was the only thing I didn't like about it that it was pretty hard to get out of the Stanford bubble. I won't say much about the beauty of the campus here, I shall let the pictures do the talking for me.





Diversity at its Finest

Slowly but surely I made friends. Most of them were my dorm-mates. I made friends belonging to Austria, Russia, Romania, Korea, China, India, Kenya, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Denmark, Spain, America and many more. Friends that I'll remember for the rest of my life. It was surreal how we formed such strong bonds in such a short period of time. We did so much together, from taking a leisurely stroll to Downtown Palo Alto for some Boba Tea to doing our assignments at the last minute in the common room. We



played games in the lounge and had late-night talks. It was very thought-provoking to listen to a variety of opinions and ideas coming from different people with different backgrounds and life experiences. It really compels us to think how we are all alike and different at the same time.

It was a mutual learning experience. I learned phrases in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Romanian and Spanish. And I taught my friends phrases in Urdu. I learned a lot from their cultures and they learned from mine. And I was very surprised to find out that we all shared many basic habits.

Google HQ

I planned a trip to Google for my friends because my cousin worked there. Seeing the campus of Google was like a dream come true. And seeing the facilities there really makes working there look dreamy. They have everything covered for the employee from laundry to recreation. We saw the offices of Google employees and glimpses of new and upcoming technologies. It was a very informative and motivating visit.



The Academic Experience

As part of the Stanford Summer School, I had to take university level courses and complete minimum eight units. I took two classes. CS 106A for 5 units and PHIL 29S for 3 units. I also tried my luck at a Chorus class but it was too advanced for me and I had to drop out. It was, as my friend rightly described as “throwing a baby in the ocean and expecting him to swim”.

The Overall Learning Experience

It was big change for me to move from a high school in Pakistan to a university in America. The transition was hard in the start but eventually I got used to it and I loved it. There was no strictness in anything yet, people still followed the rules. There would be no teacher in the auditorium during our exams yet no one dared to look up and cheat. We were told not to copy assignments and no one did. Honestly, I was a bit surprised by the integrity of the people. Overall all, it was an amazing learning experience, one I'll hopefully be able to do again.

Final Words

I can honestly say that I have never learned so much in such a short space of time. Breathing in the same air as nobel laureates, world leaders, and great scientists for two months have had a profound effect on me. It has been the most amazing and enlightening experience of my life so far. I've come out of this more informed and confident than ever. If I had to describe my trip in one word, it would be: super califragilistic expialidocious.



Hamza Abdullah
Class: 2nd Year

The Eagle in the Moon Garden

It all began with the triumph of our College teams over Military College Jhelum and Cadet College Kohat to win the Triangular Sports Competition. The victory over Lawrence College soon followed, with a dramatic 5-4 win of Hallians in football over the Gallians. I feel proud to have had the honour of scoring the late winner in this nail-biting match. Oh the scenes! I wish I could describe them! Before these matches we were promised a reward, only if we performed well. Since we fulfilled our end of the bargain, we patiently waited for the promised reward. But we didn't expect it to be this good. The College arranged a sports series with Chand Bagh School, Muridke. We were over the moon when we heard the good news.



We started our journey around 9 o'clock. We were almost sixty students, most of them in the College bus and a few with the Adjutant in the College van. All the windows of the bus were opened, and the fast blowing cool autumn air gently touched our faces as we had the time of our lives.

We reached Chand Bagh at around 8 o'clock in the evening. It seemed as if the 11 hours long journey passed by in the blink of an eye. Chand Bagh School is situated in Muridke, around 40km North of Lahore. It was opened in September, 1998 by Lieutenant General Ghulam Jilani Khan, a former Governor of Punjab Province. He wanted Chand Bagh to be a Replica of Doon School in Dehradun, India of which he himself was a student. The school has a classic architectural style with well aerated rooms and lobbies. Greenery can be seen all around, and the mere vastness of the campus keeps the visitor in awe.

We were greeted heartily by our hosts. We dined with them in one of their messes. After dinner, they showed us the way to our rooms. The rooms had high ceilings and many windows. The rooms were quite comfortable and all the facilities were provided.

We stayed up till late night, acquainting with our hosts and getting to know their school. We had green tea, courtesy of our hosts. We were told the schedule for tomorrow, and we slept accordingly.

The next day we woke up around 7 o'clock, and the first thing I noticed after getting out of bed was the dense fog outside. The fog was so thick that I couldn't even see the rooms opposite to our lobby.

And the weather was chilly. I looked at my friends and we all laughed, asking whether we are in Muridke or Murree! Then, we all got dressed and went to the mess for breakfast. After breakfast, we set out towards the main basketball court to attend the first sports fixture of the series. The way towards the basketball court had almost zero visibility as the fog was getting more and more thick. We reached the basketball court, and saw a crowd of CBStians (what the students of Chand Bagh School are called), impatiently waiting for our arrival.



Our teachers and the worthy Adjutant were seated at the front, while the college basketball team had their warm up. After both the teams had warmed up, the referee whistled signalling the start of the game.

The match proved to be an entertaining one, with CBStians dominating the first 2 quarters and the Hallians dominating the final 2 quarters of the game. Unfortunately for us, the results went



in the favour of the hosts. Tea break soon followed, after which we went back to our rooms. After lunch we had our football practice session, and around 3 o'clock we gathered before the main hockey ground to witness the second match of the series. We were again greeted by the same passionate crowd.

As soon as the hockey match started, slogans were raised from their side, to which we promptly replied by raising our slogans. Laughter and smiles spread throughout the hostile arena of hockey ground. Hallians fought by getting their man on the score sheet, but couldn't recover. The match was won by Chand Bagh School. We went back and got dressed for the formal dinner. The dinner was in the main hall and was attended by a huge gathering. After dinner, we witnessed the Drama Night. The Drama Night had many sketches and short performances as well as cultural and modern dances. The dance performances were superb, and the sketches were well presented. But the "Laila" dance performance stood out as one of the best along with the "Anar Kali" sketch, in which a 6'4", bearded Anar Kali caused a roar of laughter in the audience. The drama night concluded with the hosts gathering on the stage and dancing to different songs.

Next day we got up around 7, had our breakfast, and reached the cricket ground. The cricket match started with us choosing to bat first. The pitch proved to be difficult at first, but we managed to give the hosts a decent score to chase. The match proved to be one sided in the end, with Chand Bagh chasing the score and winning the match.

In the Football match, our coach and the worthy Adjutant gave us the much needed boost of morale. It was soon clear that we had the upper hand. The match concluded in favour of Chand Bagh.

We were praised for our performance, and for giving the crowd an entertaining match. Souvenirs were given followed by a tea break.

We were to leave soon, so we went to our rooms, packed our bags and walked towards the



college bus. Almost all the students of Chand Bagh School were gathered before the college bus, just to see us off. All the familiar faces were present there. We exchanged jerseys, took pictures, and said our good byes. Soon we boarded the bus and began our journey home with a bundle of cherishing memories.

The way back home was even more interesting than before. Slogans were raised, dances were performed and jokes were cracked. The jolly atmosphere continued throughout the journey, and we arrived at our destination late night. Although we couldn't win the sports series, we made a brotherly relation with the people of this great institution. And in the end, that is all that matters, isn't it?



Waleed Shehzad
Class: 2nd Year



Cutting Tree Means Cutting Life

Are we the most intelligent beings on Earth? If your answer is ‘yes’, then, you should consider my opinion and feeling, I want to convey next. Do we realize the importance of those who love us and care for us? My answer is a big ‘no’. The life of a tree is a true example of care, love and devotion. A tree spends its life to serve us and keep us alive. Although, we are intelligent enough to produce food artificially without the help of trees, but we can’t breathe without trees.

Trees have emotions and they can feel the pain and love. They don’t move to see the world as we do, because they stay at the place where they can serve us in a better way. If we have families, the trees also have families but we humans cut them and kill their loved ones. We give them pain and they give us life and love, in return. They are not mean and selfish like humans.

Once I saw two trees standing sad and alone beside a busy road. One of them was an old tree and the other one was too young. It seemed that the elder one was a mother tree and she was scared of humans that one day they would kill her son, as they had already killed her entire family. The mother tree spoke to me in a voice full of pain “I know you love me and you have noticed that by killing my community you will suffer in future, because if you will not value our lives, for life will also end on this planet Earth, the only planet known to have life.” If we don’t care for life on our own planet, then, the research for life on other planets is incomprehensible and it is not more than a prank or a joke.

I hope that you will play your role to save trees for the sake of life on earth and by contributing to safeguard and protect life on mother earth, you can make me believe that humans are intelligent beings. As a student, I try to plant my trees and to save them from the wrath and wild passion of human beings. We have the potential to convince others around us about the importance and survival of plants, as our own survival is attached to it. My dear readers of Hallmark, as a human being its our duty to save plants and ultimately save earth.

“I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.”

(Abraham Lincoln)



Saad Tahir
Class: 2nd year



Fortune Favours the Brave

Fortune, luck, destiny, are the words that, for many of us, are the key to a successful life. Ever since humans have set foot on the face of the earth, people have envied the relish of those upon whom life has showered benevolence. Even today many of us hold the opinion that the secret behind a happy and contented life is good fortune.

However, many people while forming such opinions do forget one very important thing – the law of nature. It is an established fact that everyone is not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. In fact, the truth is that people are hardly gifted with the luxuries and pleasures of this material world. So does this mean that only the people belonging to rich families are successful? Does this mean that one can do absolutely nothing independently for himself to tread on the path of fortune? A glimpse over human history suggests otherwise.

Plentitude of personalities in history, when unleashing their true potentials, have made fortune come along their way. Thomas Edison, the inventor of the electric light bulb, is among this elite group of history-making personalities. He welcomed a myriad of challenges with an optimistic spirit. He once said, “If I find 10,000 ways that something won’t work, I have not failed. I am not discouraged because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward.”

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, lost eight elections, twice failed in business and suffered a nervous breakdown during his struggle to attain success. Bowing down before his resilience and perserverance, fate conferred him the prestigious title of the President of the U.S.A

Alexander III of Macedon, known commonly as Alexander the Great, set off from his home country with a small, modestly armed battle force but with a thirst to conquer the world. He succeeded in conquering the mighty Persian empire and led expeditions to India. This success was not an easy kill, even for a man as capable as Alexander. He had to take several risks. Knowing that he was on thin ice, his victory was not only of Greece, but also his own.

All the above stated examples lead to one conclusion; Fortune Favours the Brave. It does not matter whether a person is born with a silver spoon in his mouth or not. The thing that matters is the way a person leads his life. History shows that people who have faced all challenges of life with resilience and determination have made fortune yield to them. We must not, therefore, desire fortune but we must carve it out for ourselves. If we are brave enough, fortune and destiny will undeniably favour us. As the famous saying goes,

“Fields are won by those who believe in winning.”



Usman Hussain
Class: 2nd Year



When I Look Back

I am a proud and thorough Hallian. I love my College with the core of my heart and it's full of agony and pain when I see that I'm left with only a few days in Army Burn Hall College. Today, after earning my worth over here, it seems that the long, hectic even stressful years have passed in seconds.

When I look back, especially when I recall my first day – difference, reluctance and confusion; I extremely get surprised upon the contrast of my feelings for Army Burn Hall between past and present. I have a very vivid image of my first day at Burn Hall. I still remember to see a totally new environment; I got puzzled, I was very hesitant to roam around and explore the new campus. It was only the loving and caring faculty of Burn Hall who helped me a lot to get adjusted in the new environment in a very short time.

There was a time in my early years when I usually dreamt to get away from my tough studies. My teachers seemed to me the nearest specie in the world because of their strict discipline and unyielding demands. Frankly speaking, I slyly prayed for their lesson time pass away without their appearance in the class or they go for long leave or they resign. But today, I realize that the strategies of my teachers worked. Whatever I am today, it is only because of my respectable teachers.

Now when I am left with only a few days in Burn Hall, I want to spend some more time and relive every single day which I have spent over here. To say a Good Bye to Burn Hall won't be an easy task, as I'll not get these friends and this environment anywhere else. During this entire time at Burn Hall I didn't realize I was making memories. I just knew I was having fun.

“Pain is temporary. It may last a minute, or an hour, or a day, or a year, but eventually it will subside and something else will take its place. If you quit, however, it lasts forever.”

(Lance Armstrong)



Fahad Minas

Class: 7th



The Importance of Books in Our Lives

Books play a significant role in our life. When you open a book, you open a new world. A book is that best friend who will never walk away from you. Books are packed with knowledge, insights into a happy life, life lessons, love, fear, prayer and helpful advice. One can read about anything under the sun. Books have been here for centuries and without them, today's knowledge of our past ancestors, cultures and civilization would have been impossible. Reading is also the perfect hobby. There are a lot of wonderful reasons why reading is important. Through reading, you expose yourself to new things, new information, new ideas and new ways to achieve your goal. Reading helps you understand the world more. The more you read, the more you understand things completely and it helps you find the truth about something.

Studies show that reading reduces stress. A well written article can get you out and grab you from your everyday reality. This way the tension will simply melt away from your body and you will be finally relaxed. Reading also expands your vocabulary. The more frequently you encounter new words, the sooner you will introduce them in your vocabulary and use them in your daily life. By using new and advanced words over and over again we can use them in our daily life. Books are, perhaps, the best way to become fluent in any known language or a new language.

A book communicates knowledge and wisdom of all kinds, the more you read, the more well read you are. Nothing can add to our intellect more than reading a book. Some people might think that reading is boring or waste of time, but you can be sure that these people never read a good and informative book. They would be amazed by the qualities of a good book and its results on a person's life. This would give them the idea of what they are missing in their life.

A good book is like a good friend who shares each and everything with you. Similarly, a good book in accordance with its demeanour shares every aspect it has. A good book always shares a packet of positive information and plethora of enlightenment. Even a bad book can give you a positive lesson, if you have a discerning mind. As the saying of John Milton goes "If your stomach is not working properly, its not the problem with the food you are eating."

Similarly, if your mind is not inclined towards positivity and turned towards negativity, you cannot avail anything from any side and especially from the books. Because the same philosopher with Puritanic spirit said "Even a good book is wasted on fool." The question arises how fools and those with unhealthy minds can be put back onto the track. And the reply is, arm them with the books.



M. Saad Tahir
Class: 2nd Year

Best Speeches of the Year-2017

Rising High

When an albatross sears across the Atlantic, it does not rest until it has reached its destination. When an angel takes flight, it does not cease to rise until it has kissed the greatest heights. When a falcon dives towards its prey, nothing can stop it until it has achieved its ambition. Such is the courage that is needed to achieve one's ambitions. Such is the determination required for succeeding in life. Such is the spirit that is vital for rising high.

This spirit of rising high and dominating all others has been inherent in human society since inception. It is this very spirit that formed the bedrock of human's struggle for prosperity. Today, in the 21st Century, this spirit has allowed humans to rise to unimaginable heights. Today we have shortened all distances with innovative transportation and communication facilities. We have increased life-expectancy by the invention of life-saving drugs. Moreover, we have extended our reach to far-off galaxies. However, among this age of prosperity and development, a grim reality is that the Muslim nations of the world lag far behind in advancing as compared to the non-Muslim ones.

Modern day Muslims, due to their laziness and utter disregard for Islamic principles, have failed to lend a meaningful hand to this global wave of development. It is, therefore, a foremost necessity that the Muslim youth wakes up and brings a positive change. But how can this change be brought about? How can the Muslims of today rise to the heights that were characteristic of their predecessors?

The first and foremost answer to these questions is hard work. To achieve success and prosperity, one must be extremely diligent and hardworking. Over the course of human history no nation has existed that was lazy and prosperous at the same time. This indicates that hard work is a vital pre-requisite for a nation to make its mark in global development. This is why the great Quaid-e-Azam (R.A) said,

“I insist you to strive. Work, work and work for satisfaction with patience, humbleness and serve thy nation”.

After hardwork, the second most important quality required for rising high is determination. Once a person has set a goal, he must be determined to achieve it. He must be brave enough to face all failures and resilient enough to stand up straight after every fall. Only then can he succeed in achieving his goal. However, for a person to possess strong determination there needs to be a driving force that would motivate him to keep struggling towards his goal. This driving force is nothing else but the person's own will. In order to succeed in life one must have an iron will and a thirst for perfection.

The last and most important virtue a person needs to rise high is trust in Allah. Allah is the Most Merciful, the Supreme Creator and Maintainer of this whole universe. Without His command, not even a single atom can move. It is a core belief of every Muslim that no harm or benefit can come to him without the command of Allah. This is why, while being hardworking, determined and having strong will power, one must place sincere trust in Allah, in order to achieve his ambitions. If all the members and especially the youth of the Muslim Ummah will acquire these qualities then no doubt we will be able to win against the non-Muslim world in this constant race for prosperity. We are the young members of this Ummah and it is our duty to lead it to greatness. It is our duty to make it rise high.

The speech was delivered by Saad Tahir in the Morning Assembly and was awarded a Green Slip.





M. Hamza Ali
Class: 10th



‘Development is for the Rich Alone’

Development in the world that we witness today is the legacy of collective wisdom of humanity. Humanity as a whole contributed towards the progress and development. No nation on earth can claim that they have exclusive right on the development in any field.

Mr President!

My friends on the other side have woven a spider’s web to advance their claim that development is for the rich alone. In other words, they want to argue that this world is for the rich alone.

What a catastrophic logic!

What a pessimistic and defeatist approach!

Mr President!

May I dare ask my friends!

What was the miracle which brought about modern development?

If they cannot tell or they are not ready to accept the reality, I humbly say, it was the miracle of science and technology which made yours and mine lives comfortable.

Mr President!

Scientific development resulted into modern development.

I muster up my courage to ask my worthy opponents!

Was Einstien an industrial or a landlord!

Was Newton the owner of any business empire or multi-national?

Sir, these were poor scientists and intellectuals who brought about modern development, not the rich ones.

Mr President Sir!

Through your kind courtesy, I ask my opponents to switch off fans in this hall that they are using in this sweltering heat, switch off this sound system on which you deliver your fiery speeches, switch off your mobiles, computers, cars, vehicles, aeroplanes and teams, for all these developments are for the rich alone.

Mr President Sir!

Please ask my friends to go back in stone age, start traveling on camels, horses or donkeys, then, would they realize that this development is not for the rich alone, it is for you, it is for me and it is for all of us. This world with its beauties and charms is for all of us, not for the rich alone.

Milton says and, I quote,

“God still reigns in the Heavens, there is nothing wrong with the world.”

Mr President Sir!

You and me are believers of a philosophy, which propounds ‘the goodness’ of this world even before ‘the goodness of the next world’.



Allah, the Omnipotent and the Almighty, teaches his Prophets (PBUH) in the Holy Quran!

ربنا آتنا فى الدنيا حسنة و فى الآخرة حسنة و قنا عذاب النار

Oh my Lord! Grant me goodness in this world and goodness in hereafter and save me from the hell fire.

Mr President Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Allah is the Creator of this universe. He is the Lord of all human beings, the rich and the poor. Out of His eternal mercy, He has bestowed this world in abundance with all that human beings need.

The laws of the nature are universal, and eternal. Survival is for the fittest. The nations who worked hard, obeyed the laws of nature, made scientific advancement, acquired modern knowledge, are today dominating the world. The Holy Quran Says, ليس للانسان الا ما سعى

“Nothing is for the human beings but for which they struggled.”

Mr President Sir!

May I advise my opponents to stop whining and refrain from spreading gloomy looks on this beautiful gathering, who are all by now convinced that the development is not for the rich alone, it is for all of us.

We ought to develop and promote positive mindset, a mindset which reflects the wisdom of Iqbal and Qauid-e-Azam.

A mindset which does not restrict its journey even to this planet.

A mindset which transcends the bounds of time and space and reaches the eternity.

I sum up my argument with the Quranic wisdom!

والذين جاهدوا فىنا لنهدينهم سبلنا

“Those who strive in our way, we open up for them wide avenues.”

With this I, rest my case!

Thank you all.

This speech was delivered by Hamza Ali in Inter House Debating Competition, representing STS House.



Asad Malik
Class: 1st Year

Even a Small Star Shines in the Darkness

Even a small star shines in darkness,
For someone, somewhere to see,
It lights the way for those in the murkiness,
That is what your courage means to me.
So don't be afraid to be a little brilliant,
Don't be afraid to shine in someone's eyes,
If we can trust the gifts, that sometimes makes us different,
Then we can all learn to shine, shine, and shine.



Life begins with crying to trying. It passes on and on until we stop crying and start trying. Previously bewildered young chap is gloomy and dark night comes to an end when the sun appears. It is not that the light invades the entire universe at once, it requires fairly sufficient time. Time to give the sluggish attitude up. Time to put the destructive ideas down. Time to embark for the horizon. Time to set on the time itself. Eventually grasping it by the arm. This is when the destiny approaches near and one can easily hear that even a small star shines in the darkness.

This world is engulfed in the darkness of illiteracy, in the darkness of poverty, in the darkness of disease and in the darkness of slavery. Out of this abyss of darkness, there comes a ray of hope – hope which becomes a shining star guiding the ignorant, consoling the poor and becoming the messiah of the slaves. Flicking through the pages of history, I see the emerging super power, China. Once opium addict, sunken into the shackles of slavery are now rising to the sky just due to Mao Tse Tung. His struggle supports my notion, 'Even a small star shines in the darkness.' Not long ago, Pakistan was engulfed in the darkness of misery – misery which was considered as the wrath of God, misery which was hovering on the outskirts of cities. Out of such misery rose a small star called Dr. Ruth Fao, serving the unserved and finally made Pakistan leprosy free. Such a tireless, selfless struggle compels me to say 'Even a small star shines in the darkness.'

Not everyone is born with a silver spoon in his mouth. There is a darkness that has plagued the lives and people are pulled into a well of black despair. These are the down-trodden, the sick and the neglected segments of our society. When such darkness was creeping around our society, there came a man who unflinchingly bathed and enshrouded, burned and decomposed corpses, neither the acrid smell of burnt flesh nor the sickening stench of rotting bodies stopping him from his dedicated work. This was the richest poor man Abdul Sattar Edhi, who was real paragon of the dictom, 'Even a small star shines in the darkness.'

We should be men of confidence, believers of equality, practitioners of justice, a mouthpiece of motivation, statures of influence. A man whose actions inspire others to do more, dream more, learn more and become more, because I believe and you should believe that even a small star shines in the darkness.



Mr. President, let us seek some light from the stars of our history, let's look towards them, let's put a magnifying glass on USA, when states were there, when America was there. But they were not united, when inequality was so high, when democracy was in question, when the threats of blacks were high, when America was deeply sunk into the darkness of despair then a star twinkled. Yes, Mr. President, that one star shone and filled America with the light of prosperity and that star was Abraham Lincoln. On the other hand, when we look to South Africa, a nation torn by racial apartheid, where blacks despite being a majority had no rights and a small minority of whites did, where the fate of black was blackened by the whites. They were treated as slaves. Then again a star shone, shone in the darkness of prison, shone from behind the bars, shone from the ashes, shone from the majority of blacks and enlightened the fate of blacks with opulence and that star was Nelson Mandela. 'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness'.

Mr. President, when I look into my own colonial history, in which, Muslims were being persecuted, they were not free, they were deprived of their legitimate rights, when the Muslims were living under the dark shadows of brutal Hindus and biased British monarchs, then a star shone from the shadow of monarchy, shone from illiterate community and became the beacon of hope, he shone when no body else did, he inspired when all remained silent, he shone and bestowed us with this motherland, my motherland, your motherland, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and that star was non other than Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Mr. President, the stars of the history are still shining and their light is forcing me, emphasizing me and pressurizing me to say that even a small star shines in the darkness.

Mr. President, our country is standing on the verge of chaos – chaos that can dislodge us into oblivion. Oblivion from where it is hard to revive. So, Mr. President, the question is who will revive this inspiration? Who will show us our destination? Who will give us stimulation? Who will show us the light? Surely no miracle will happen, no one will come, but someone among us will have to shine, will have to become the star because even a small star shines in the darkness. Our struggles and hardships are our gifts in disguise, so that we can reach deep down inside of ourself and discover the inner power of glory of who we are. The world needs our voice, our message; so that it can give hope and courage to show that it is possible to overcome anything.

Asad Malik delivered this speech in All Pakistan Bilingual Competition held in Lawrence College Ghora Gali in Oct, 2017.



M. Ali Khan
Class: 10th



Behind Every Great Fortune there is Hard Work and Intelligence but Not Crime

Work like a slave and live like a king,
Hard work can accomplish anything.
The systematic work only bears the fruit,
Try to select only an appropriate route.
You're a gifted human being with intelligence,
Show your prodigy and prove your confidence.
The world is so wonderful with opportunities,
In which you live around many communities.
From one higher one better and one who knows,
And coming from him you know how that goes.

We need something to aspire the glory that we hold, the glory that holds the ecliptic myths of fortune, fortune that can be perceived through hard work and intelligence. Indeed, it is said that hard work is the only key to make fortune rather, I would say for making fortune even through criminal deeds one might need hard work. It was intelligence through which Adam defeated Satan, Lincoln abolished racism, Nelson Mandela perceived freedom, Che Guevara moralized the hopes for victory! Allah directs man in the Holy Quran in these words: "Man will not get anything unless he works hard." The importance of intelligence can be guessed from this that the word intelligence appears 5 times in 5 different verses in the Holy Quran:

1. **An-Nahl, chapter 16, verse 78 (He gave you hearing and sight and intelligence and affections)**
2. **Al-Ankaboot, chapter 29, verse 38 (Though they were gifted with intelligence and skill)**
3. **Az-Zumar, chapter 39, verse 43(Even if they have no power whatever and no intelligence)**
4. **Ar-Rehman, chapter 55, verse 4 (He has taught him speech and intelligence)**
5. **Al-Mulk, chapter 67, verse 10 (Had we but listened or used our intelligence)**

No wise man can deny the link of making fortune through hard work and intelligence. I don't coop up the word fortune just up to wealth in the forms of bills and property. The search of man from man to Allah and from Allah to man is also the process of hard work and intelligence.

Coming over to the materialistic approach, there are hundreds of examples carved on those pages of history that behind every great fortune there is hard work and intelligence but not crime. Hard work was also done by Satan to betray Adam, but it was not enough to make fortune. It was also done by those Greeks and Romans to stay ever-green but all that could be found was deserted



ruins. It was also done by our leaders who tried false promising about the supreme justice but betrayed our hopes through dark dictatorship. It was also done by our friends who took our hearts promising us to fill them with love but all they did instead was to backstab us for those crimes which we had not committed. It was also done by those ravaging beasts who tried manipulating our decisions but torn them into bits by bits, pieces by pieces, paper by paper.

Almost every religion advocates the legal process of making fortune. The fortune made through criminal deeds leads to dissatisfaction in life. The natural law of judgment of right and wrong is that no two men can remain agreed on one criminal deed for a long time.

Mr. President, let me once again carve through those pages of history where I...

I am Thomas Edison!

I failed a thousand times before inventing the light bulb, for whom they said I would never succeed in my life. A child, who was considered as mentally retarded student by his teacher, the genius of the century.

I am Walt Disney!

I failed to pass those mere sheets of exams and was a dropout from school at the age of 16.

I am Nelson Mandela!

I struggled through the chronicles of life for 27 long years to become the President of South Africa. Behind the bars, it was only hard work and intelligence which helped him to become the saviour of the black Africans.

I am Stephen King!

I was raped by mere drug addicts. I was rejected every time, I looked up.

I failed to publish my own art. But I was also the one who never failed trying, never stopped hardworking, never denied thinking. This proves my dictum that behind every great fortune there is hard work and intelligence, but not crime.

If we see more prominent figures of literature like Sophocles, Shakespeare; their work clearly depicts worse end result of evil deeds of their characters. The crime of Lois, the father of Oedipus became cause of end of the entire family. We deny that the end result of fortune made through criminal deeds, ends with the end of life.

As they say, 'Genius is indeed the one working hard intelligently'

I rest my case!

This speech was delivered by Ali Khan Orakzai in All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest on September 23, 2017 which was held at Abbottabad Public School.



Zubair Khan
AS- Level



‘Technology has Made the World a Better Place to Live’

We are the hollow men
We are the stuffed men
Leaning together
Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!
Our dried voices, when
We whisper together
Are quiet and meaningless
As wind in dry grass.

We dwell in a world where we have long forgotten who we are and what we are capable of. It's indeed, a race with no finishing line, because we have no target to achieve, none worthy to look up to and idealize, and nothing to pin our hopes against.

We are living in the age of robots, messed up by the source of comfort with the source that unveils our sweat. The tales we used to carve and indicate are no more. The drive to be an intellectual now balances with the number of re-tweets you get or the number of likes on your Instagram picture. It's a bitter veracity that a person is judged by his online persona.

We may think we are leading the technology, innovating and controlling it, but it is the technology leading us, driving us against our nature, driving us to the era of false advancement, driving us to a world of mayhem and chaos, driving us to a dark abyss that will engulf us as a species.

Stephen Hawking, the greatest scientist and philosopher of our generation, rightly said, "Humanity will use science and technology to wipe itself out."

Mr. President,

Our existence has become a puppet, as we are being suppressed by mere pieces of metals. We are physically, mentally, socially, spiritually and emotionally weak. We are using a fraction of our brains capacity owing to the computers and smart phones that we dearly love and can't live without. We'd prefer to play a football game on a TV screen rather than going out to the natural fields and kicking the ball physically.

Bill Gates said and I quote, "Technology is going to change the world." But the question arises Mr. President! Is it a good change or a bad change? Christian Louis Lange very cleverly answered this question by saying that "Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master."

The advanced technology has made us lose our self-confidence and esteem. We are unable to stand up against a comment thrown at us. The recent technology that has spurred the internet



is the infamous game Blue Whale, a sequential and strategically program, designed to destroy a person's character, driving him to the edge of insanity, until he commits suicide. Technology has all the hallmarks of an evil force. The worst injuries to us as a species have come at the hand of technology; atomic bombs, abundant guns, toxins in our water, mind drugs, marketplace bombs, persistent radiation, and automobile accidents, not to mention war machinery, like tanks, drones, warships and land mines. These have all been designed with one purpose – to kill - to kill as many humans possible with the highest degree of manslaughter. Therefore, I am obliged to proclaim that the birth of technology has made the world the worst place to live in.

Mr. President,

The most devastating massacre in human history was committed in World War II, where millions of innocent civilians were vaporized by the two atomic bombs, dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Its effects are still seen across the globe, as it increased the amount of radiation in the atmosphere. This scientific breakthrough seamlessly wiped out life, vegetation and buildings, leaving behind a barren land.

Another prey to this technological cum stricken war is Syria. One of the first chemical bombing in Syria turned it to a toxic kill zone, where dozens of men, women and children died, some writhing, choking, gasping, wheezing and foaming due to the poison. Then, how can I go in favour of this notion that technology has made the world a better place to live in. How can I stop hearing all the screams of innocent people? How can I stop seeing the piles of dead bodies scattered across the world! Mr. President, how can I stop this ache in my heart?

We live in the world where moments change into pictures. From the day we were born to the day we die, we remain the slaves of this technology that we have mastered. The social media is a delusional and mythical void of illusions. We are far away to the journey of creativity and intellectuality.

We must learn to band together and endeavour, clasp our hands together so that we can stand the test of time against the threats that endanger our species.

Zubair Khan participated in the Talent Hunt Competition held at Cadet College Larkana on November 3, 2017. He clinched first position among 20 participants from other institutions.



Ayaan Ejaz

Class: 7th

Amazing Facts

- A cockroach can live without its head for several weeks.
- The largest coral reef is the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, which is 2000km long & 15km wide.
- Japan's emperor from 16th to 19th century was only a puppet.
- Siam was renamed as Thailand in 1939.
- A giraffe cannot produce sound, as it does not have vocal cords.
- The world's tallest building is Burj-e-Dubai.
- Bear's heart beats only once every five minutes.
- An octopus has purple blood.
- An octopus has three hearts.
- It is illegal to have pets in Iceland.
- Owls have eyeballs which are tabular in shape. So they cannot move their eyes.
- A cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.
- Dophin is the fastest sea mammal, which can swim upto 35 miles per hour.





Abdul Rehman
Class: 2nd Year



Scientific Inquiry

Scientists are like explorers,
Using what they know and see,
To blaze a trail that, step by step,
Will lead to new discoveries.

Formulate, distill and focus,
Narrow down, define the gist,
Determine scope and pinpoint focus,
That is your hypothesis.

Gather all the stuff you need,
To put in play the machination;
Document the happenings,
These comprise your observation.

What things change and what things stick?
Record the outcomes and effects,
Don't presume and don't predict,
Collect the data: just the facts.

Combine the concrete things you see,
With what you know and what you test,
Interpretation is the key,
Results are where you end the quest.



Umer Ahmed
Class: 7th



Motto of Life

Heroes die young,
The young are free,
Free as a bird,
The bird that can fly,
High in the sky,
The sky which roars,
Thunders like a lion,
The lion that is brave,
Brave like a soldier,
Soldier who dares,
Dares to die,
Hero's death,
He has a motto,
Death before his honour,
Heroes die young.

Saddain Nazir
Class: 7th



Flowers

You say,
A bunch of flowers,
Are not beautiful,
But to me
They are very special.
Flowers are my best friend,
Their smell is so nice,
It makes me feel so happy.
When I am sad,
They help me to be glad,
These flowers feel like
a friend,
Flowers are my friends
Indeed.



Ayaan Ejaz
Class: 7th



Hallians

Hallians are a group,
Hallians are a team,
They are the students,
Who have high dreams,
Who never lose hope,
Who pray and study both.
Hallians are the students,
Who know their place,
Who make their future,
Who know how to “Rise High”.

Hamza Khan
Class: 8th



Sadness

Sadness is a gift.
Going to the sea,
Is a pleasure for me,
Depth of which reminds me . . .
Oh! The wonderful past.
The depths of seas
Are holding with them,
The fate and sweet memories of past.
Men seem to be doomed,
Corrupting themselves generation after
generation,
I often think, can they be saved?
The path of love again be paved?
But alas!



Shayan Qadeer
Class: 6th

Mother



The one word 'Mother'
Compare it with other.
The first word of the infant,
The last word of the brave.
So kind and so forgiving,
Praise her while she's living,
For there is no friend,
More sincere than a 'Mother',
From the cradle to the grave.

Prince Mahd Asif
Class: 2nd Year

Baba, I Love You



You held me, when I was weak
You hugged me close, when with tears, I'd weep.
When things got tough, you pushed me through.
You always showed me that you loved me true.
I know there were times I made you cry,
And to this day, I don't know why,
For without you, where would I be?
I am thankful, God gave you to me,
Thank you, Baba, you did so much;
To this very day, I love you very much.



Haroon Steven Reuben
Class: 5th



Dare To...

Dare to be a hero,
Dare to fly alone,
Dare to have a purpose firm,
Dare to stand alone.

Dare to speak the truth,
Dare to bear the pain,
Dare to live with integrity,
Dare to lose what gained.

Dare to face the problems,
Dare to always pray,
Dare to never give up,
Dare to find a way.

Dare to say, sorry,
Dare to admit mistakes,
Dare to accept others,
Dare to reject what's fake.

Dare to forget the wrongs,
Dare to forgive and smile,
Dare to let others win,
Dare to go an extra mile.

Dare to know the lonely,
Dare to call him friend,
Dare to remain faithful,
Dare to love till end.

Nasir Joya
Class: JC



The City Child

I live in a city
In a street,
It is crowded with traffic
And feet.
There are buses and motors
And trains,
I wish there were meadows
And lambs!
The houses all wail
In a row,
There is smoke everywhere
That I go,
I don't like the noise
I hear,
I wish there were woods!



Teens – You Owe the World

*Always we hear the cry from teenagers, what can we do,
where can we go?*

My answer is; “Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons, and after you have finished, read a book. Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents does not owe you fun. The world does not owe you a living, you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent, so that, no one is at war in sickness again. In other words grow up, stop being a crying baby, get out of your dream world and develop a back bone, not a wish bone. Start behaving like a responsible person. You are important and you are needed. It’s too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Some day is now and somebody is you.”