



Burn Hall

E-Newsletter

(July 2020 to June 2021)

Army Burn Hall College for Boys Abbottabad



EDITORIAL



Dear Readers!

Let the joy be ours and the gratitude be His Who is the Omnipotent and ever Merciful. By His abounding grace, the Hallians' E-Newsletter is here for you, packed with warm greetings and tidings from Burn Hall. The College reopened on September 15, 2020, with renewed zeal to continue the sacred mission of shaping future leaders. Following all the SOPs and the preventive measures, the academic activities commenced and continued with separate classes for boarders and day scholar students until the next break caused due to pandemic. However, through online classes, the process of imparting knowledge has been kept in a smooth flow with the pure motive to keep the Hallians moving ahead and rising high against all odds.

During this brief period of academic life at College, the students, especially the newcomers had a chance to taste the Campus activities with a few visits of the dignitaries and much-awaited sports competitions that colored the otherwise tough schedule of studies. The students' performance in every event was phenomenal as they had the fun and excitement which they had missed while they were off Campus.

The commencement of new academic session has enlivened the College once again; the humble prayer is that the sacred mission may continue with even greater zeal and devotion.

Blessings!

Miss Amira Emmanuel

In this issue:

- Message of the Principal
- Visits
- Literary Fiesta
- Guest Speakers
- Training & Workshops
- Career Counseling
- Sports Round-up
- Spring Gala
- Hallian-A Person to Be
- College Uplift
- The Horse and Saddle Club



MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Respected faculty, staff and my dear students! السلام عليكم



It is indeed a matter of sheer joy that our institution, synonymous with excellence and education, is perpetuating the sacred mission till day. Though the intermittent closure and opening of the College disturbed the learning process, yet the online classes never allowed any break in educating the young Hallians. I congratulate and praise the faculty and the students both in this regard. The commencement of the new scholastic session amid pandemic brings with it new challenges, however, I have sanguine hope that all of us will work with all zeal and commitment to make a real difference. I urge the Hallian Family to be more proactive and concerned in order to stay safe and achieve our higher aims. Especially I pray for the faculty's contribution to serve in season and out of season to mold the young souls into gentlemen of rare sagacity, with a glow of religious sublimation.

May our humble services bear fruit and may Burn Hall bask in the glory forever!

VISIT OF THE CHAIRMAN BOG

On Nov 26, 2020, Army Burn Hall College for Boys was privileged to have the rich presence of Lt Gen Azhar Abbas HI(M), Chairman



Board of Governors Army Burn Hall Institutions. The honorable guest was heartily received by the Principal, Brig Rizwan Afzal Malik, Vice-Principal, Lt Col Syed Jawad Shah, and the College Academic Council. In the conference room, he was briefed about the progress of the institution, the scheme of studies during the period of COVID-19, and the endeavors to maintain the SOPs. He was satisfied with all the measures taken and gave his valuable feedback. The visit was a gracious gesture of his concern for the institutions.





FAREWELL VISIT OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN BOG

Farewell visit of the proud Hallian on Dec 16, 2020, was different than the farewell back in 1986 when Maj Gen Muhammad Ali HI(M)



was a student, yet leaving the beloved Alma Mater once again brought the same sense of elation and inspiration, mixed with the nostalgia



one is bound to feel. After serving the Army Burn Hall Institutions for a year as Deputy Chairman BOG, this son of the sacred seat of learning was said goodbye amidst congratulations for being promoted to the rank of Lt Gen. He, accompanied with the lady wife, had a visit of the Campus, sat in his classroom and reminisced the times at College. The Principal, Brig Rizwan Afzal Malik, presented him the College souvenirs and wished him godspeed for his future services for the nation. May he rise to even greater heights as a true Hallian!





FIRST VISIT OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN BOG

Maj Gen Omer Ahmed Bokhari, Deputy Chairman Board of Governors and Commandant PMA, visited the College on March 09, 2021. The Principal, Vice-Principal and the College Academic Council warmly welcomed the dignitary. On his arrival, he was briefed about the development of the institution.



During the round of the Campus, he was much delighted to visit the 'Hallians' Legacy' and appreciated the administration and the faculty immensely for preserving the legacy in an impressive way.





ORIENTATION VISIT OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR (EDUCATION) – 10 CORPS

Brig (R) Tahir Ali Syed, Regional Director (Education), 10 Corps Rawalpindi, along with DD Education 10 Corps, Director of Studies PMA, and Principal Army Burn Hall College for Girls visited the College on Oct 26, 2020. A detailed briefing was given by the Principal Brig Rizwan Afzal Malik followed by a thorough visit of the Campus.



VISIT OF MS VANESSA O'BRIEN, THE INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAINEER

Miss Vanessa O'Brien, the international mountaineer, is world record holder of summiting the highest mountains of the world including Mount Everest and K-2, and the first woman to fathom the deepest point (The Challenger Deep). She summited K-2 on her third attempt in 2016 and since then she has really fallen in love with Pakistan. She has been projecting the softer and progressive image of our beloved Pakistan to the entire world. She was highly impressed by the motto of Burn Hall





“To What Heights Can I Not Rise” while interacting with one of the alumni of Burn Hall in London. She adopted this slogan and jubilantly waves it



on the frozen heights every time she summits a peak. Her forthcoming book is titled as “To The Greatest Heights.” It was this very reason that she was invited as guest speaker to the College on Nov 10,

2020. After a brief visit of the Campus, she was led to the Scanlon Hall to share her unusual experiences and expeditions which were worth listening to. The students interacted with her and learned a great deal about the daring feat of mountaineering. In the end, the College souvenirs were presented to her as a token of love and recognition of her services for Pakistan.

**LAUNCHING OF ‘SAREER-E-KHAMA’
BY PROF BASHIR AHMED SOZ**

Since the inception of Burn Hall, the institution has been blessed with the best faculty who has left indelible mark on the pages of its history. Prof. Bashir Ahmed Soz is one



of those icons of Burn Hall for whom every Hallian has deep reverence. It was indeed a source of pride to pay tribute to his unmatched services on the occasion of the launching ceremony of his book,



'Sareer-e-Khama' that was held on Sep 14, 2020. He was cordially welcomed by his very own student, Brig Rizwan Afzal Malik, the Principal Army Burn Hall



College for Boys, Vice-Principal Lt Col Syed Jawad Shah and the Academic Council. It was indeed a memorable day as some of the other Ex-Faculty members namely Mr Yameen Ahmed, Mrs Zareen Javed, Mrs Riffat Shaheen Naqvi, Miss Zahida Abbasi, Mr Javed Iqbal, Mr Tahir Mansoor and Mr Zaffar Khan Durrani were also present to honor their beloved colleague. The rich presence of Ex-Principals and distinguished guests also heightened the grace of the occasion. While sharing his views, Sir Soz nostalgically reminisced his time and expressed his profound affiliation with Burn Hall. He also extended his gratitude towards the Principal, Brig Rizwan Afzal Malik, and the Ex-Principal Brig (Retd) Wajid Qayyum Paracha SI(M) for acknowledging his services for the institution. Much was shared amidst the blended feelings of joy and sadness and the ceremony ended with memories revived and prayers mumbled for the prosperity of their beloved cradle of learning. The honorable guests departed after light refreshment and group photograph.





GUEST SPEAKERS

Prof Dr Javed Iqbal

A Teachers' Training Workshop was conducted in the College on Jan 29, 2021. The lecture was delivered by Prof Dr Javed Iqbal, a



renowned motivational speaker. He elucidated in detail the role of teachers in Character Building and its deeper impact on Intellectual and Personality Grooming of the students. The teachers from other institutions like ABHC Girls, APSACS HQ 10 Corps, and APS FF Centre also attended the workshop. The interactive and insightful session was indeed a great motivation to the participants.



Mr Qasim Ali Shah

A very illuminating and persuasive lecture was delivered by one of the best inspirational speakers, Mr. Qasim Ali Shah on Feb 01, 2021 in the Scanlon Hall. The





students were enlightened with the basic principles to achieve success and a contented life. He discoursed encouraging examples from his own life and inspired the students to be self-motivators. The lecture was attended by teachers from ABHC Girls, APS PMA Kakul, APS FF Centre and from Muslim Education System Abbottabad.



TRAINING WORKSHOPS

From Aug 17 to Sep 20, 2020, a training workshop was conducted for the AHMs and the newly inducted teachers to make the trainees abreast with the latest trends in their particular subjects and adopt the best pedagogical practices. Lectures and presentations on Dress up, Mess Mannerism, and Sports Management were also arranged to groom them regarding their House duties. The focal persons of the workshop were Brig (R) Dr Javed Iqbal, Mr Nadeem Ahmed and Mrs Nabila Hassan.



On Sep 21 and 22, Prof Yamin Ahmed, a renowned educational trainer and Ex-Faculty member of the College conducted a session in the



Scanlon Hall. The workshop was attended by the faculty of Primary and Middle Sections, teachers of ABHC Girls, APS PMA Kakul, Karnal Sher Khan Cadet College Swabi and JLA Shinkiari were also among the participants.

In the Junior and Middle Sections, Teachers' Training Workshop was conducted from Feb 01, 2021 to Feb 28, 2021. The Principal addressed all the teachers of Middle and Junior Sections on Feb 19, 2021. He emphasized upon the purpose of life, value of hard work, responsibility of teachers and presented a road map of how to live a contented life.

To train and apprise the teachers about the use of E-Sheets in Board Exams, another workshop was conducted on Apr 15, 2021. The Director Research Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Rizvi (FBISE)



was the resource person who discussed the use of E-Sheets at length. Besides the faculty of ABHC Institutions, the teachers from APS and FGEIs also benefitted from the session.

From Apr 02, to May 05, 2021, Teachers'



Training Sessions were scheduled in the College; teachers from respective departments delivered lectures to their own colleagues on modern trends, innovations, pedagogical skills and use of E-Sheets in Board Exams. The workshop undeniably enhanced the communication skills of the teachers besides subject knowledge and



understanding of latest teaching techniques.

On Jun 01, 2021, another session was conducted by an Ex-Faculty member Mr. Arshad Mushtaq who devotedly served Burn Hall from 1991- 1999. In a very lively manner he explained the ways to Integrate Technology in Classroom which is indeed the need of the day.



CAREER COUNSELING BY MERA FUTURE.PK

On 26 and 27 Feb, 2021, a Career Counseling session was arranged for the students of HSC and A Levels. A lecture on assessment as well as a one to one counseling session with the students was held by Dr Zunaira. She discussed the issues



like Cognitive Dissonance of Students, available fields in Pakistan and also shared valuable information about top universities, their admission process and details of various admission tests in Pakistan. An online Multidimensional Career Counselling Test was also conducted that was very helpful to determine students' aptitude for different disciplines.

FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN PRINCIPAL'S XI AND CI'S XI

One of the most interesting sports events was the friendly cricket match between the Principal's XI and CI's XI. It was played on Oct 17, 2020, on the College Cricket Ground. The match was jubilantly witnessed by the available faculty and the boarder students. It was entertaining and thrilling as the students displayed their excitement during the match. Both the teams played well but the team of Principal's XI carried the day.





INTER HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

The Inter House Sports Competitions were held from Oct 21 to 26, 2020. Players of all the Houses participated enthusiastically in every contest. The players of SIS performed exceptionally well and won Volleyball, Basketball and Hockey competitions. The SAS House proved their mettle in Cricket, Football and Tennis contests. In Squash, STS House beat SAS House after putting in a lot of footwork and clinched the title.



SPRING GALA

To remove the tedium emanated from the monotonous schedule of study, a colorful Spring Gala was organized in the College Football Ground on March 01, 2021. The students and the



faculty members exuberantly participated in the activities especially in the contest of tug of war. The entire event under the glorious sunshine was really exciting. The fun-packed gala ended with hearts cheered up and energies revitalized.



HALLIAN-A PERSON TO BE

Mahad Ajaz of the class of 2016, a proud Hallian, joined Pakistan Military Academy Kakul for 138 L/C in 2017. He was selected for Military Training in Germany that commenced in Jan, 2018.



In June, 2018, he participated in a local firing festival and out of cadets and officers of 40+ nations, Mahad clinched the prestigious trophy for Pakistan for the first time ever. In Feb 2021, his military training came to a respectable end - achieving the distinction





of second best overseas cadet in his course. With sheer diligence and commitment he has raised the name of Pakistan and his Alma Mater, rightly proving 'Quo Non Ascendam' in his life.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC SESSION, 2021

By the very grace of Almighty, from June 10, 2021 the academic session-2021 commenced with separate classes for Day Scholars and Boarders. A comprehensive revision plan and test series was initiated for the students of Board classes in order to prepare them well for the upcoming exams.

COLLEGE UPLIFT

Uplift of the College infrastructure has always been the focus of the Administration. Renovation and repair enliven the old structure. It renews the atmosphere and vitalizes



the spirit. The College gymnasium and Cook House were renovated and were inaugurated by the Deputy Chairman BOG Maj Gen Muhammad Ali HI(M).

The B.A Malik library, the heart of the College, has





been renovated. The addition of Timeline from 1857-2020, Islamic Corner, Pakistan Corner,



Science Corner and Wisdom Quotes on the walls has given it even richer academic taste and value. The new furniture and facility of coffee bar has made it more appealing and a favorite corner in the College.

The 'Hallians' Legacy' is another initiative taken by the Administration in order to preserve the legacy of this esteemed institution. Established in



the Scanlon Hall, it is a treasure trove of memories as well as a fountain of inspiration and





education; a humble recognition for the unparalleled services of the blessed Hallians.



THE HORSE AND SADDLE CLUB

The Horse and Saddle Club has always been a distinct feature of boarding institutions. Besides the fun aspect, riding and controlling a horse gives the students a huge confidence boost and improves their self esteem. To develop a sense of responsibility, discipline and a range of additional skills the Horse and Saddle Club has been made functional at the very heart of College. The construction of stable, riding arena and purchase of horses has highly stirred the interest of Hallians in equestrian disciplines. Mr. Adil Jadoon, Lecturer in English, being the In-Charge, shares valuable guidelines regarding horse riding with the young riders. The Club has grown in size and popularity on Campus.



