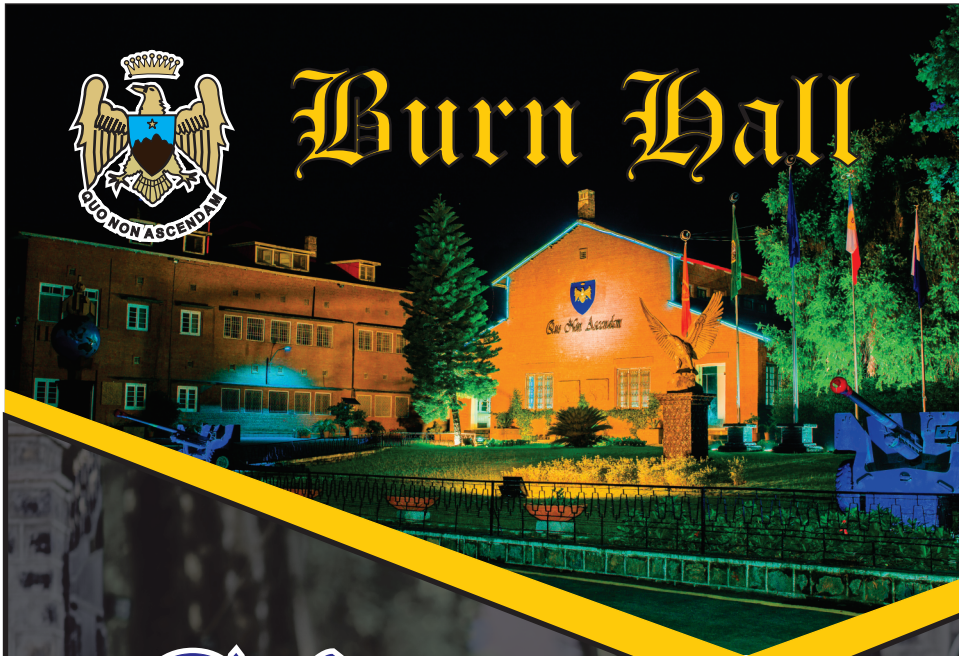




Burn Hall



Newsletter

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Army Burn Hall College for Boys Abbottabad



Editorial

Dear Readers,

With profound thankfulness to Almighty Allah, I feel honoured to present the maiden version of Hallians' E Newsletter, being initiated with the intent to broaden its horizon and let more people have access to the occurrences at the College.



The academic session 2020 commenced from 2nd March with sanguine hopes to attain eminence in all aspects of College life i.e training, administration and infrastructure development. But then, God willing, in the twinkling of an eye the days were darkened with the clouds of prevailing pandemic, COVID-19, and the academic institutions were closed keeping in view the safety of the students. However, the spirits are high and the stake holders are going all out to fulfill the gigantic responsibility of nurturing the souls entrusted in the care of the institution. Online Classes via Whatsapp's and Zoom Cloud Meeting are going on. May our humble services be weighed and found not wanting! Aameen!

Miss Amira Emmanuel

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Message of the Principal

Respected faculty, staff and my dear students! السلام عليكم
I pray for your safety and sound health in this difficult time of pandemic COVID-19. Though the pandemic, on one side demands measures of safety to be adopted by each one of us but yet at the same time it affords us the opportunity to look into our spiritual strength and make ourselves aware of the needs of the people around us. Let's extend our helping hand to these needy brethren. May Allah Almighty be our Protector and Guide. Aameen!



I wish speedy and complete extermination of Corona Virus from our dear Pakistan and the whole world and reopening of our dear Burn Hall!

Visits

- **Deputy Chairman BOG (Commandant PMA)**

Major General Muhammad Ali HI(M), the Deputy Chairman BOG, Commandant PMA visited this College on 16th Jan 2020. A detailed briefing was given followed by a visit of the Campus. The General himself is a passionate Hallian (1979 – 1986). He expressed his happiness and excitement and promised to extend all kinds of help whenever his alma mater would need.





- **Delegation of APS Fort Road Rawalpindi**

150 x students / faculty members of APS Fort Road, Rawalpindi, came on an orientation visit to the College on 16 Jan 2020. After briefing about the College they had a thorough round of the institution. The visitors appreciated the scenic beauty and quality infrastructure of the College. The delegation were served with lunch after which they departed happily.



- **Delegation of P2GS (Pakistan to Germany Study)**

Major General (Retd) Shaukat Iqbal, Managing Director of a private organization P2GS (Pakistan to Germany Study) along with 5 x members visited this College on 6th Mar 2020 to orientate the students regarding admission in Germany in different categories. He introduced Germany and briefed the students about bright aspects of studying in Medical and Engineering sciences and settlement in Germany if students desire after completion of studies. He regularly visits the college each year and helps the desirous students.





- **Words of Wisdom (Lecture by the Guest Speaker)**

Shaykh Atif Ahmed, the renowned motivational speaker, motivated the young Hallains on the topic '*The Definition of Success*' on 28th Feb 2020. Shaykh won the hearts of Hallians and faculty with his words of wisdom and insight. In his discourse, he discussed in detail the significance of positivity and unflinching belief in oneself to attain success. In the end, the Principal, Brig Rizwan Afzal Malik thanked the honourable speaker and presented him the College shield and traditional turban as a token of respect.



Training

- **Winter Camp**

The College was opened on 3rd Feb 2020, during winter vacations, for the extra coaching of the students of Board Classes so that to prepare the students of Board & Cambridge Classes thoroughly. They were passed through a well-planned programme of teaching and testing. The camp terminated on 28th Feb 2020.



- **Shifting from Conventional to E-learning Teaching**

The College intends to shift its teaching from conventional to E-learning style for which all class rooms have been installed with Interactive Boards /LEDs. A workshop in this regard was conducted, with the help of Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), to train the teachers to modify their teaching with live images of the concepts they teach from the books. The new development will prove very fruitful in understanding the difficult concepts and will make the process of teaching very interesting.





- ***The Concept of Day Boarder***

ABHC for Boys functions as a classic boarding/day scholars' public academic institution accommodating students from class Prep to F Sc & Pre JC-1 to A Level. The College has a rich legacy and culture of developing a wholesome personality of its students through mental, social and physical education. It has excellent infrastructure for outdoor and indoor sports, but being utilized by the Boarders only, whereas the bulk of the students are Day Scholars. At present, the college strength is going with 71:29 ratio of Day Scholars and Boarders.

An idea of enrolling the students as Day Boarders was launched in 2019 for 1st year students with the view that maximum students utilize the sports and mess facilities, very rarely available in other academic institutions of Abbottabad. The idea could not become popular among parents due to certain flaws and the concept fizzled out gradually.

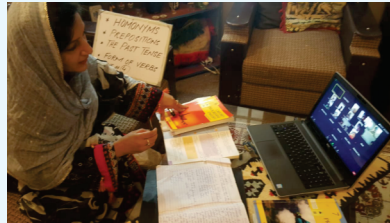
The same concept has been launched again with more deliberate and meticulous planning. The option has been extended to higher and lower classes both. These Day Boarders will avail all facilities like Boarders till Maghrib Prayer and leave the College by evening. The option will be open for the students residing in the Abbottabad city. A good number of students have opted and joined.





- **Commencement of Online Classes**

The College has introduced online studies to keep the light of knowledge illumine the souls amidst the dark days of prevailing COVID-19. All the classes from junior most to senior most have been engaged via Whatsapp's & Zoom Cloud Meeting as a ray of hope to overcome the odds in the way of progress. The students are instructed in the best possible way and are encouraged to attempt the home assignments to reinforce the concepts taught. Though online education can never take the place of classroom teaching yet it has its own advantages and has proved to be a blessing to prevent the wastage of time and talent.



College Uplift

- **Reviving a Cherished Memory (Inauguration of Lily Pond)**

The best times and nostalgic places are close to one's heart and always a delight to recall and to be thankful for. Old alumni of Burn Hall always reminisce and relish the cool, soothing sight of the College's Lily Pond, demolished in 2003 due to construction of Administration Block. To bring around the past memories and let the new generation cherish the old legacy too, the Lily Pond has been reconstructed with the kind courtesy of the alumni, and inaugurated on 9th March 2020 by Major General Muhammad Ali HI(M), the Deputy Chairman Board of Governors, a passionate old Hallian himself. Mrs Major General Muhammad Ali clipped the inaugural ribbon and the General and his teacher Bashir Ahmed Soaz (Retired) unveiled the memorial stone. The gathering of the old buddies at their ever favorite place in their alma mater was a real joy. The ceremony was simple yet unforgettable as during tea the worthy guests and the faculty had a great time to greet and share the happy times in Burn Hall.





- ***Installation of Smart Hybrid Solar System***

To overcome the problem of load shedding and ensuring the undisturbed power supply 24/7 in the College, a smart hybrid solar system of 30kW has been installed. The new system will also reduce the electric expenses of the institution to a great extent.



- ***Renovation of the College Mosque***

Mosque, being the centre of soul searching and seeking spiritual and mental peace, always remains the focus in Muslims society and culture. Keeping in view its importance and value, the College mosque was renovated with new carpet, blinds and wallpapers. The Maghrib Prayer gives really the look of a religious festival in this beautiful mosque.



- ***Extension - College Section (Zia Block)***

2 x new classrooms have been constructed. The rooms were inaugurated on 25 June 2020 by FF Centre Commandant, Brig Bakhtiar Akram, an old alumnus of Burn Hall. The sound step for the extension of classrooms will indeed provide opportunity to more students to study in this elite seat of learning.

