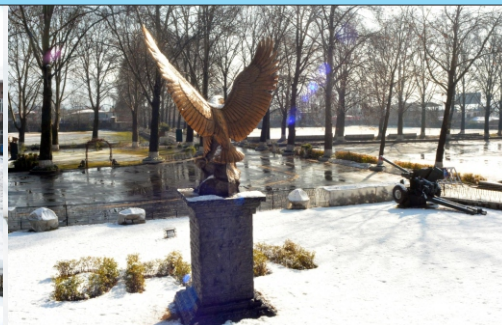




# Burn Hall

# Newsletter

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**Army Burn Hall College for Boys Abbottabad**



# Editorial



Dear Readers!

The shining symbols known as words are blessing to spread fragments of wisdom and knowledge, to share joys and sorrows and to chronicle the endeavours and achievements. With the fusion of words and images, the Hallians' journal is here with the added charm of new and exhilarating activities to put across and cherish together. From the intense competitions, mesmerizing performances, much awaited ceremonies, solemn visits, memorable trips and hard-earned laurels to leaving the field after a triumphant innings for yet another series of zealous service to perpetuate excellence through Burn Hall- all is here. Having many a joyous and a few melancholic moments in the busiest term from July to December, time flew, leaving a legacy for the generations to come, hence, a lot to be grateful for the unfathomable love and mercies of the Most Merciful. Let it be our mark to follow in the days to come and get ready for a great start to soar higher in the infinite horizon of education with 'Quo Non Ascendam' as our guiding star.

Happy reading and happy holidays.!

Blessings!

Miss Aamira Emmanuel  
In-charge Newsletter

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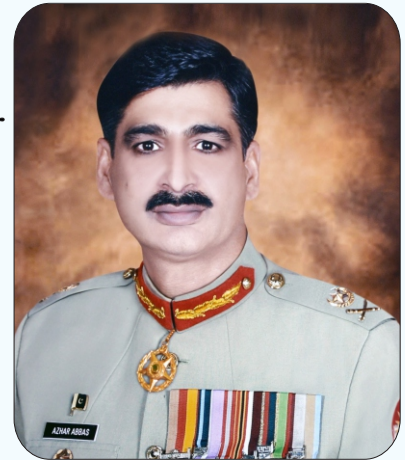




## *Welcome Arrivals*

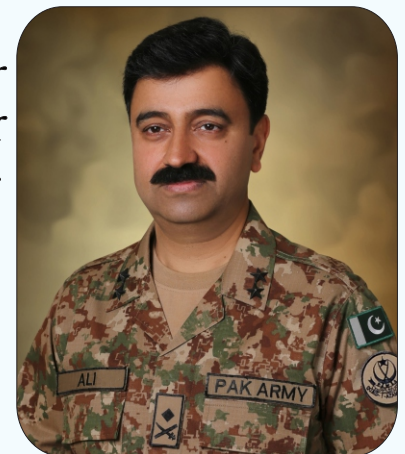
### *Chairman Board of Governors*

*Lt General Azhar Abbas, HI(M), Commander 10 Corps, assumed the charge as Chairman Board of Governors, Army Burn Hall Institutions on Sep 27, 2019.*



### *Deputy Chairman Board of Governors*

*Maj General Mohammad Ali, HI(M), Commandant PMA, assumed the charge as Deputy Chairman Board of Governors, Army Burn Hall Institutions on Dec 02, 2019. He is an old Hallian who completed his F.Sc in 1986 from Burn Hall.*



### *Principal*

*Brig Rizwan Afzal Malik assumed the charge, as Principal of the College on Nov 25, 2019. He is an old Hallian, who completed his matriculation in 1988 from Burn Hall.*







### *Adieu to Principal Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, SI (M)*

Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha's, SI(M) tenure as Principal, Army Burn Hall College for Boys (Sep 30, 2016 to Sep 30, 2019) has been highly rewarding and eventful. With a heavy heart he was bade farewell in a graceful ceremony organized in the KPK House on Sep 30, 2019. The Acting Principal, Col Muhammad Afzal Baig, and the faculty members, in ardent words of admiration, esteemed his sincere and wholehearted devotion, staunch commitment and insightful sagacity towards the progress of Burn Hall.

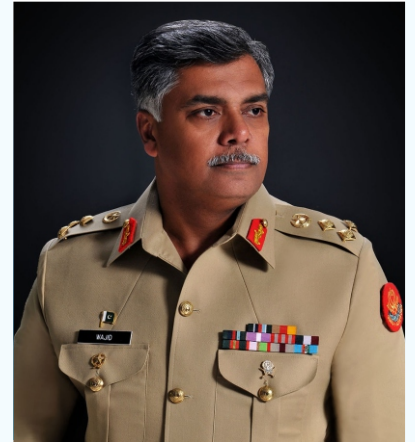


During his three years services, he raised the academic standards of the College and specifically focused on the personality development of the students. Being a highly organized and proactive Principal, he also

motivated the staff to take ownership in their work and immensely contributed in professional grooming and capacity building of the faculty. His innovative ideas, resourcefulness and deep involvement in major and minor events of the institution made every occurrence memorable. His superb aesthetic sense and ingenuity not only beautified the Campus but also extended the facilities. He will be remembered for his substantial contributions to the progress and development of Burn Hall.



A truly great  
**Principal**  
IS HARD TO FIND  
DIFFICULT TO PART WITH  
AND  
**IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET**







## *Visit of the Director of Studies, PMA*

Brig Dr Muhammad Afzal Saleemi, DOS PMA, visited the College on Oct 14, 2019. He was cordially received by the Acting Principal Col Afzal Baig, Senior Instructor Lt Col Safdar Abbas and the College Academic Council. A detailed briefing was given by the Acting Principal, followed by visit of the College. He was delighted to see the Campus and expressed satisfaction on the progress of the institution.



## *Visit of the Syrian Students from Pakistan International School of Damascus (PISOD)*

A delegation of Syrian Students of Pakistan International School of Damascus (PISOD) visited Army Burn Hall College for Boys on Oct 10, 2019. The young delegates were welcomed with open arms and led to the conference room for briefing about the College. They were delighted to visit the Campus and were impressed by the discipline and conduct of the students. The College souvenirs were presented to them. After light refreshment and group photo, they departed happily.







### *Annual Parents' Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony*

Annual Parents' Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony mark the culmination of the activities round the year. This graceful ceremony was held in the College Hockey Ground on Oct 19, 2019 with great zeal and enthusiasm. The grandeur of occasion was doubled by the rich presence of the Chief Guest, Brig Bakhtiar Akram, Comdt FF Centre Abbottabad and a proud old Hallian, Brig (Retd) Wajid Qayyum Paracha, SI(M), ex-



Principal, military and civil dignitaries and a large number of esteemed parents. They were warmly welcomed by the College Prefect.

The function commenced with Hallians' Anthem that raised the spirit and pride of everyone present. The audience were left spellbound by the well-coordinated and energetic display of PT, Gymnastics and Karate. Kalam-e-Iqbal and vibrant folk dances in regional costumes also added colour to the event.



The College Annual Report was presented by the Acting Principal, Col Muhammad Afzal Baig followed by the Prize Distribution Ceremony. It was a great moment for the students to receive the prizes for their hard-earned laurels in various curricular and co-curricular activities. The efforts of the faculty were acknowledged as they were conferred 'Best Teacher Award' on producing outstanding results of various exams for the 2018 academic. The Chief



Guest, Brig Bakhtiar Akram, congratulated the award winners and the parents. He urged upon the Hallians to work hard and raise the name of their alma mater and the flag of their country high among the comity of nations. In the end, the Chief Guest along with

the Principal, the dignitaries and parents visited the Science and Fine Arts Clubs' exhibition and greatly admired the hard work, creativity, research and presentation of the young Hallians and their mentors.











## *Burn Hall Model United Nations, 2019-First Edition*

Army Burn Hall College for Boys holds the tradition to initiate fresh avenues for the students with the solemn purpose to produce leaders with a vision and a voice to serve the nation and the humanity at large. In this regard, the First Edition of Burn Hall Model United Nations (BHMUN) was organized in the Campus from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2019 in which 137 delegates from the renowned institutions of the country participated. The delegates participated in five committees, each committee had thorough grasp on the current issues of the world and held discussions with clarity of purpose to come up with the productive resolutions. As the theme of the simulation was 'Kashmir Solidarity', a special session was conducted to highlight the existing situation in Kashmir, role of International community and the possible solution of the issue. The Outstanding Delegates from each committee shared their point of view. The United Nations Security Council also solely discussed the issue of Kashmir and presented the resolution paper of 14 pages to the Principal that manifested not only the profundity of their research work but also the width and breadth of their love and concern for their Kashmiri brethren. The worthy Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha SI(M), the Chief Guest of the event, gave away shields and certificates to the best and outstanding delegates, chairs and the organizers for their enthusiasm and performance to make the event a big success. BHMUN, 2019 provided a platform to strengthen solidarity with Kashmiris through debates and in depth discussion and created harmony among different





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### *23<sup>rd</sup> All Pakistan Burn Hall Bilingual Declamation Contest*

Bilingual Declamation Contest provides a perfect podium for polishing the oratory skills and exhibiting one's innate talent of debates. This year 23<sup>rd</sup> All Pakistan Burn Hall Bilingual Declamation Contest was successfully organized by the College English Literary Society and Bazm-e-Adab from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2019. 37 teams from the leading institutions of the Country participated, however, Army Burn Hall College for Girls, Cadet College Hassan Abdal, Govt College University Faisalabad, Kernal Sher Khan Shaheed Cadet College Swabi and Pakistan Naval Academy Karachi qualified for the final round. The participants enlightened the minds of the audience with their thought provoking speeches on the given topics. The trophy was clinched by Cadet College Hassan Abdal securing maximum marks. Brig (Retd) Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, Ex-Principal of Burn Hall graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. He was highly delighted to attend the contest in the Scanlon Hall which was constructed during his tenure. While expressing his views he appreciated the standard of the contest, the efforts of the organizers and the enthusiasm of the contestants. He was presented the College shield by the Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, SI(M).



### *APSACS Mega Teachers' Training Program*

APSACS Mega Teachers' Training Program was organized in the College under arrangements APSACS Secretariat from July 22, 2019 to Aug 01, 2019. 280 teachers of various APSs and a reasonable number of the faculty members of Army Burn Hall College benefitted from the training workshop. The College provided the venue, bedding and lodging, food and administrative support for the training event.





## *Lecture by the Guest Speaker*

On Nov 08, 2019, Commander Ali Asghar Khan, OIC Pakistan Navy Selection and Recruitment Centre Abbottabad delivered an informative and motivational lecture to the students to join Pakistan Navy. He discussed at length the role and functioning of Pakistan Navy in maritime defence of Pakistan as well as the eligibility criteria for becoming professional Naval officers. The session was attended by the senior students of the institution. In the end, the Acting Principal, Col Muhammad Afzal Baig thanked the worthy speaker and presented him the College shield.



## *Solidarity with Kashmiris*

Feeling the plight of their fellow Kashmiri brethren and responding to the call of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the students of Army Burn Hall College observed the “Kashmir Hour” with patriotic fervour and zest. The students gathered in the Hockey Ground for a special assembly where 'Kashmir Anthem' was played. They were holding the banners and posters with the slogans “Stop Violence in Kashmir” and above all they raised the voice to “Reopen Burn Hall Srinagar”. They symbolically marched on the road, strongly registered their grievances and protested against the Indian atrocities. It manifested their brotherly love for Kashmiri Muslims and an earnest aspiration for peace and justice for the whole humanity.



## *Tree Plantation*

One of the most needed and responsible investment for a healthy environment is tree plantation as their presence is a symbol of life and beauty. Hundreds of saplings were planted in the College during the month of July, 2019. The students actively participated in the campaign with the faith that the shady trees will be soothing for the future generation.







### *Green Abbottabad Walk*

With the purpose to spread the message of keeping the ever beautiful Abbottabad green and clean, a 'Green Abbottabad Walk' was organized under arrangements Station Head Quarters Abbottabad on July 24, 2019. The Principal, faculty members and 36 students of the College heartily participated in the walk. This healthy activity highlighted the significance of tree plantation and promoted civic sense among the young generation.



### *Laurels for the Institution*

#### *Top In North Pakistan*

The Cambridge International recently announced the winners of the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards. With the grace of Allah Almighty, one of the students of O-level class, Hassan Niaz achieved the award "Top in North Pakistan" in the subject of Physics. Areas included in North Pakistan are Islamabad Capital Territory, parts of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. This is the first ever occasion in the history of Burn Hall that a student of Army Burn Hall has attained this distinction. This award, the 'Top in North Pakistan' is conferred on the learners who have achieved the highest standard marks in their region in a single subject. Besides Hassan Niaz's hard work, the credit also goes to the faculty and Head of Physics Department, who devotedly prepared and guided the student to attain this honor for the institution.

#### *All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest, Cadet College Palandri*

2x students of the College participated in All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest held at Cadet College Palandri on Sep 12, 2019. Saad Minhas, the Urdu speaker and Musa Usmani, the English speaker clinched the trophy. It was due to the hard work of the College English Literary Society and Bazm-e- Adab that the Hallians, once again, proved themselves the best in the art of public speaking.





## *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Aitchison College Model United Nations Conference*

Tenth Annual Aitchison College Model United Nations Conference was held from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2019, at Aitchison College Lahore. 9x students of our College, under the supervision of Mr. Amir Khurshid and Mr. Muhammad Rashid, participated in the conference. 5x students were declared “Honourable Mention” and 4 achieved “Special Mention”. Overall, the team achieved “Honourable Mention” for the College.



## *All KPK Oct- Lingual Declamation Contest*

All KPK Lingual Declamation Contest was held at Jalal Baba Auditorium on Oct 26, 2019 wherein 18 institutions from KPK, including universities and 9 individual contestants participated. Saad Minhas stood first in Urdu speech and Fahad Minhas secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in English speech. They not only clinched All KPK Trophy but also achieved the honor to be selected as Member Youth KPK.



## *Inter House Qiraat, Hifz, Asma-e-Husna and Naat Competition of Senior Houses*

Army Burn Hall College puts due focus on the religious and spiritual growth of the students. In this regard, Intra and Inter House Qiraat, Hifz, Asma-ul-Husna and Naat Competition of Senior Houses was held on July 13, 2019. The participation of the students manifested their profound love for Allah and the Holy Prophet (PBUH). At junior level, Waqas Khan of SKS-B House, Mubashar Hafeez of SKS- A House, and Shahzeb Abbas of SKS-B House, were declared the best in Qirat, Naat and Asma -ul –Husna respectively.



At seniors level, Talha Zeb of SAS House, Ali Asghar of SIS, Shehryar Khan of STS House and Muhammed Faizan Ali of SIS House were affirmed as the best in Qirat, Naat, Asma -ul–Husna and Hifz respectively. The Chief Instructor and Vice Principal, Col Muhammad Afzal Baig commended the participants, lauded the efforts of the Islamic Studies Department and gave away certificates to the participants and prizes to the winning House.







### *Inter House Debate Competition-Seniors*

Inter House Debate Competition Seniors was held on July 06, 2019, with enthusiastic participation of all three Houses. The College Literary Society and Bazm-e-Adab successfully organized the said contest. 16 participants from each House took part wherein Fahad Minhas of STS House grabbed 1<sup>st</sup> position, Talha Shah of SIS House stood 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hamza Sahibzada of STS House was 3<sup>rd</sup> in English debates whereas in Urdu debates Saad Minhas of SIS House was declared 1<sup>st</sup>, Usman Bin Yamin of STS House secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Mohibullah of STS House got 3<sup>rd</sup> position.



### *Inter House Sports Competition-Seniors*

The College sports grounds, with an air of race and rivalry resounded with the slogans and claps as the Inter House Sports Competition for senior students started. Each team was geared up for its respective game to win the title for the House. The competitions were held in September, 2019. Basketball and Lawn Tennis competitions were won by STS House, whereas Cricket, Squash and Table Tennis matches were won by SIS House. SAS House remained victorious in Football, Hockey, Volleyball and swimming. Thus the overall Championship Trophy was jubilantly lifted by the students of SAS House.











### *Swimming Gala*

The College swimming pool with the splash, splatter and cheers of the students portrayed the bliss at Burn Hall as Swimming Gala was conducted in the College on Sep 07, 2019. In this fun filled event, students of SAS, SIS and STS displayed their expertise in all kinds of swimming styles. It was a joy for the participants and the spectators. Finally, Ahmed Jamal of SAS House bore away the title of the best swimmer. The Principal Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, SI(M) gave away prizes to the winners and encouraged all the contestants.



### *DAWN Spelling Bee Competition*

DAWN Spelling Bee competition on national level was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 at Quaid-e-Azam Auditorium, Islamabad. The competition was conducted in two rounds; in Initial Round, 4 spellings were asked from each group of students and in Elimination Round 2 words were asked from the group. Our students competed well but they fell short in the elimination round with 1 x incorrect word out of 6 x words.



### *Annual Drama Night*

The College Drama Club always maintains the tradition of producing the best theatrical performances to provide quality entertainment. This year the Annual Drama Night was organized on Aug 31, 2019 with outstanding presentation, fun and thrill. English play, "The Merchant of Venice" was the focal attraction which marked the climax of the Night. The dramatic



skills of the students made the characters alive and their



elegant costumes perfectly matched the Victorian Age. The Urdu drama 'Is Parcham Kay Saye Talay' was equally worth watching that beautifully delivered the message of unity and patriotism. Besides the plays, the dance performances, songs and speeches were laudable. The instrumental performance at



the end was indeed enjoyed by all. The Night was graced by the presence of worthy Principal, who generously praised the participants and the organizers.



### *Excursion Trip of High Achievers to Kalabagh*



To motivate the students to perform well in academics, a trip to Kalabagh was arranged for the high achievers of SSC Exam on July 06, 2019. 78 students of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> class, accompanied by College Adjutant, Captain Nouman Ahmed and Mr. Ibrar Tanoli, lecturer in Physics led the contingent to PAF base Kalabagh. The cool breeze in the midst of Pine and Cedars and the breathtaking landscape refreshed them all. They had a wonderful time camping in the serene beauty. After a sumptuous lunch, hiking on the narrow hilly track was another fun. The next day was enjoyed in Nahthiagali and with a heap of memories the contingent left for Abbottabad in the evening.







### *Visit to Bestway Cement- Hattar*

In order to synchronize the theoretical knowledge of the students with the practical knowledge, an educational trip was arranged. 42 students escorted by Mr. Wasib Ali, Lecturer in Physics and Mr. Fida Muhammed, Lecturer in Chemistry visited Bestway Cement Hattar on Oct 02, 2019. The students learnt at length about the physical and chemical processes involved in the manufacturing of cement. After the industrial visit, the contingent headed for Khanpur Adventure Club and enjoyed the thrilling experience of boating under the supervision of Army Trainers.



### *Para Gliding*

A team comprising College Adjutant, Captain Nouman Ahmed, Mr. Abdul Raqeeb, Lecturer in Islamiyat and 54 volunteer students participated in Para gliding organized under Army School of Physical Training from Oct 11 to Oct 13, 2019. The students valiantly enjoyed the thrill of gliding and performed very well for which they were awarded certificates. Boldness of the young eaglets to fly in the air and resolution to accept the test made them stronger than ever to face every challenge in the eye.







## Obituary

### Brig Zahur Ahmed

The College Administration, faculty and students express profound sorrow on the sad demise of Brig Zahur Ahmed, Ex-Principal Army Burn Hall College for Boys. He went to his eternal abode on Sep 02, 2019. May Allah comfort the bereaved family with His unfathomable peace to bear the loss. Brig Zahur Ahmed served the institution as Principal from 1987 to 1992. Representatives of the College faculty consisting of Section Heads led by the Chief Instructor and Vice Principal, Col Muhammad Afzal Baig attended the funeral at Rawalpindi.



### Prof. Riaz Jadoon

It was a great loss for Burn Hall and the entire Hallian fraternity that Prof. Muhammad Riaz Jadoon passed away on Thursday, July 04, 2019. The Principal and the Hallians express sincere condolences on his sad demise. May Allah grant the bereaved family the courage and patience to bear the irreparable loss. Prof. Riaz Jadoon joined Army Burn Hall College for Boys in 1985 as lecturer in Urdu. Owing to the vast knowledge of his subject and excellent teaching skills, he soon made his mark and became the Head of Urdu Department. He also rendered devoted services as House Master of Sultan Tipu Shaheed House and Section Head School Block. May his services be rewarded by Allah Almighty!



### Abdullah (Naib Qasid)

The Principal and the faculty members share heartfelt condolence on the sad demise of Abdullah, the Naib Qasid, who died of cancer on July 04, 2019. Abdullah served the institution for two years and was very hardworking, gentle and cooperative. We pray that may his soul rest in peace and may Allah Almighty comfort the grief-stricken family to bear the loss.



### Haji Sanawar Din (Cleaner)

The Principal and the entire Faculty express deep sorrow on the sad demise of Haji Sanawar Din, the cleaner. He died of cancer on Nov 08, 2019. May his soul rest in peace and may Allah grant peace to the bereaved family. Allah Almighty!







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