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Editorial

Dear Reader,

The advent of the year 2017 was heralded by a harsh winter at the 'City of Schools,' Abbottabad. The valiant Hallians, imbued with the spirit of College motto 'To What Heights Can I Not Rise' reported back to the College on February 06, 2017. In spite of this harsh weather, the Principal alongwith his committed team of Faculty members and the administrative staff was determined to provide a conducive environment to the participants of the Winter Camp i.e. the students of the Board Classes from IX to XII, including O-Level and A-Level.

The process of reconstruction and renovation was carried out in the beginning of this year on priority basis. All this speaks of the Principal's concern for the needs of the Faculty and the students of the College at the same time.

The various College events and Inter House Competitions were animated with bustling activity and festivity. Appreciation for achievements and accountability for willful negligence gave new dimension to the outlook of the teachers and the taught. We appreciate the efforts of our worthy Principal. We also owe a lot to the Faculty and the administrative staff for their whole-hearted assistance.

The year 2017 opened up with the momentous events at Army Burn Hall College for Boys, the glimpses of which would inform our worthy readers.

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Thanks.

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Glimpses of Teachers' Training Workshop



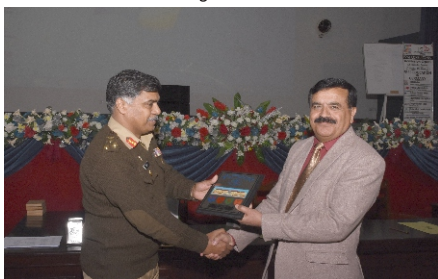
Prof Habib ur Rehman of IIUI receiving College souvenir



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Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha conferring College souvenir to Gen (R) Shoukat Iqbal



Mr Ibrar receiving the College Crest



Mrs Nabila Hassan resource person of ABHCB being awarded with certificate



FC KPK Teachers with the Principal and CI of ABHCB



Frontier Constabulary exchanging mementos with the Principal ABHC



Participants of Teachers Training Workshop with the Principal



Teachers' Training Workshop

For the improvement of teaching methodology, a two weeks "Teachers Training Workshop" was organized at ABHC for Boys from February 20 to March 03, 2017. 180 teachers had participated in the workshop from all over the country. Among them was a contingent of 40 teachers from Frontier Corps KPK, and seven teachers from Quaid Public School, PMA, Kakul. Many resource persons contributed through their presentations towards the training of the teachers. The resource persons included, besides the College Faculty, Mr. Muhammad Shafiq Director Curriculum and Teachers' Training, Abbottabad, Prof. Muhammad Farooq Principal Elementary College, Haripur, Prof. Dr. Habib ur Rehman from IIUI; Mrs Yasmeem, Mrs Ayesha Khawar from Oxford System, Maj Dr. Shafiq-PMA, and Mr. Ishaq Khan from Lawrence College Ghora Gali, Murree.

In the opening ceremony, the Principal welcomed all the guests of PMA, Kakul. He highlighted the importance of multi-dimensional challenges in the teaching profession for shaping up the personalities of students. In the closing ceremony, the resource persons and the participants of the workshop were awarded shields and

Winter Camp

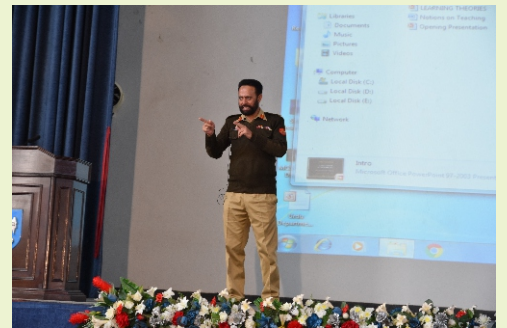
After a long break of almost four years, the Winter Camp was the opening event of the year. Extreme cold in Abbottabad, welcomed the staff and the young Hallians on Feb 06, 2017. The participants of the Winter-Camp, who had enjoyed the pleasant warmth of the Winter in plains, found themselves at odds in this contrast. The College staff put in strenuous efforts and soon the students of the Board Classes got set to studies according to a comprehensively chalked out program by the College. The well-knit preparation schedule of students reached its logical conclusion by March 03, 2017. By this time, all the boys of the Board and O-Level Classes were well-prepared for the Board Exams.

Major deviation from past practices was that Winter Camp comprised trouble-shooting, engaging struggling students through extra coaching, series of tests, attempting past Board papers and conduct of re and re-send ups, thereby, allowing students to put their hearts and soul in preparation.

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.





Parents-Teachers Meeting (Dec 20, 2016)

The PTM for the Final/Send-up Exam was arranged on Dec 20, 2016; to get the feedback of parents and their suggestions. The parents seemed to be more satisfied this time with the provision of facilities and academic standards of the College. However, a few had certain queries which were cleared by the Principal, Chief Instructor and the Staff.

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 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 prepare for upcoming exams.

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, arouse 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 of the young Hallians because they had never got an opportunity to attend such a magnificent event of national importance.



Colours of Pakistan Day

On March 23, 2017 Pakistan Day's festivities were started with the recitation of the Holy Quran in the College Mosque. After that special prayers were offered for the prosperity and growth of the country. A feast was arranged in the College Mess for all the people present on the occasion. A function was held in Scanlon Hall, in a marvelous way. Arrangements were also made for watching live parade of Armed forces in the hall for giving motivation and pride to the young blood of the Burn Hall. On March 24, the function was started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by the hoisting of National Flag. After that, Lecturer, Mr Ummar Ali (Pak Studies Department), gave a quick review of Pakistan Movement and the initial difficulties faced by our forefathers. In this regard a quiz competition, based on Pakistan Day, was held. Students enthusiastically participated in it. The students of Junior & Senior Sections highlighted the importance of nationalism through tableaus and speeches. National songs were also the part and parcel of the function. The Principal in his address, on the occasion, reminded the young Hallians of the supreme sacrifices of the martyrs for





getting the motherland. He paid homage to our forefathers for the heroic role that they played. He inspired the young Hallinas by saying that they were the custodians of the ideological and geographical boundaries of Pakistan.



Interaction With the College Alumni



A group of College Alumni, headed by the Nawab of Junagarh, Nawab Muhammad Jahangir, a boarder of St. Gabriel House, visited Burn Hall on November 27, 2016, in order to revive the old memories of the College. They were received by the Principal, visited the Campus and cherished the old memories and the rich history of Burn Hall. Many old Hallians visited their Alma Mater. Among these were Gen Tariq Khan, Gen Munir Hafeez and Azmaria Khan.

Interaction With Old Hallians at Lahore.

A contingent of 50 old Hallians arranged a get-together on Jan 23, 2017 at Monal Restaurant Liberty, Lahore in the honour of the Principal. They received Principal at 2100 hrs. Their gesture was well-appreciated by the Principal, who graciously spared time out of a hectic routine. In a lively chit-chat they shared their feelings, attachment to the institution and glorious days at the Campus. The Principal gave them guidelines, suggestions and pieces of advice for competing in this challenging world for reaching the zenith of glory. At the end, the Principal gave them souvenirs as a token of affection. They thanked the Principal for his cordial gesture and left the restaurant with a big heart.



Visit of Delegation from National Institute of Management



A contingent of 12 civil officers of BPS-19 from various groups of the 21st National Institute of Management, visited Burn Hall on May 23, 2017 between 1130-1330 hours. They were received by SI, Lt Col Safdar. After that, in the presence of the Principal, they were briefed about the College functioning in the Conference room. After the briefing, the Principal presented the College souvenirs and



shields to all the members of the delegation. The Inland Study Tour (IST) was headed by Mr. Tariq Javed, the Coordinating Director Staff. The purpose was to know about the role, functions and academic aspects of the institution, which is an important segment of their curriculum of course. For this purpose, they visited the Campus, minutely observed the academic proceedings and left the College at 1400 hrs.



Renovation and Upgradation at the Campus

During the period from Jan till Jun 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 Scanlon Hall



The College Mosque

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 of dorms, installation of LEDs, provision of electrical appliances, procurement of furniture, curtains, blankets, beds and bed sheets; which were aimed at improving the quality of life for the boarding students.



The College Staff-room



The Language Lab

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 facility and coffee counter.

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.



The College Mess



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.



SIS Mess



Tailor Shop & Cobbler Shop

Many facilities were extended to suit and fulfill the needs of the Hallians and the Faculty. Among these were Cobbler Shop, Stationery Shop, Tailor Shop, Photography Shop, and Book Shop.



College Cafeteria

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.

Uplift of Academic Standards

Special attention has been given to the uplift plan of academic standards. The College administration, with the active participation of each and every member of the Faculty, introduced Academic Quiz Competition for the first time. All HODs, with the assistance of their teachers, prepared Quiz questions, ranging from 250-350. Now its part and parcel of all the internal exams and the best aid in Board Exams too.

The system of Graded Terminal Exams has been introduced, in order to keep students conscious of their performance in all the Monthly Tests and Terminal Exams. The waitage assigned to various exams is: Two Terms, each consists of 50 marks (15 Monthly Test, 25 Terminal Exam and 10 marks for Notebooks and Assignments). The waitage for Send-up / Final Exam is minimum 60% marks for sending admission in the Board while minimum 75% marks in internal Final Exam. It is mandatory for all the students to get minimum 50% aggregate marks for promotion to next Class or sending admission in the Board.

To get the maximum benefit from the experiences of senior Faculty members & for giving training to the junior Faculty members, the system of result analysis has been introduced. It helps in keeping the track of improvement in the performance of students and timely measures to tackle the problematic areas. Hopefully, all these measures will prove beneficial in raising the standard of not only the students but also the teachers.

Establishment of 'Students' Guidance and Counseling Cell' is another step to help students to overcome their learning problems, social adjustment and disciplinary problems, besides providing them guidance in selection of scheme of studies and thereby professions which should suit to their genius and aptitude. In this regard, a dinner was arranged with the boarders of Junior and Middle Sections on March 19, 2017 at 2000 hrs in SKS Mess. The Incharge SGCC, Begum Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, alongwith the Section Head Jr School, Mrs Mehnaz Khan, and the lady Doctor, Mrs Maj Kaleem, dined with the Boarders. They discussed and shared different matters of concern with the Boarders. The young Hallians were very happy.



Hallians' Visit to PMA Kakul



A contingent of Hallians consisting of 76 boys, alongwith 24 teachers and Adjutant Maj Abid, paid a visit to Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul on April 14,2017. The contingent attended the Commadant'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.

Inauguration of the 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 digitalization 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 Mukhtiar Muhammad (R) was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the renovated library on March 29, 2017. Now it is in the service of Hallians from 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs daily.





The Combined Assembly 2017



The combined assembly was held on Monday April 17, 2017 in a solemn and dignified manner. All students of three sections and the Faculty were present on the occasion. The proceedings of the day began with the recitation followed by its translation from the Holy Quran by Usman bin Yameen. After that the Principal welcomed the new comers to the college and expressed the hope that they would settle down nicely in the College. He motivated them to reach the top rung of the ladder by sheer hard work and dedication. The Principal motivated the students and directed them to take care of their conduct, personality development, personal hygiene and uniform.

Social Nights

A social night is an event in which the members of group or organization meet informally to enjoy 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 to provide a platform to the students to explore their hidden talents, which were successfully achieved by this event. 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.



Interior Economy Competition

The Competition was arranged on May 09, 2017 at 2000 hrs between SKS-A and B Houses. The purpose of the competition was to create consciousness among students about maintenance of houses, lay out of dorms, setting of cupboards, furniture, personal hygiene of students, kit maintenance and table manners. Begum and Brig Paracha, the Principal, were the Chief Guests on the occasion.



Farewell of Outgoing 2nd Year & A-2 Level

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. The match was witnessed by the Faculty and 2nd year Class. 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 A2 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 supreme institutions of the Sub-Continent. The Principal drew the boys' attention to the difficulties / 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 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 all the Faculty, representatives of administrative staff, the Principal and the guests. On this occasion, the teachers like Mr. Tashfeen Abbasi (HOD English Deptt), Mr & Mrs Askar Zaman (Chemistry & Maths Deptt), 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.



Oath-Taking Ceremony, 2017.

The Oath-Taking Ceremony, 2017 was held in the Scanlon Hall on May 25, 2017. The Principal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He gave away appointments to the selected Hallians, who excel in the field of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Adjutant, Maj Abid Ali, took oath from the Appointment Holders. In his address, the Principal acknowledged the services of the outgoing Headboy and Prefects. He praised their services and gentlemanly behaviour. He told the boys that they should follow the footsteps of their predecessor. They established the culture of sobriety that should be followed. They were the true example of leadership. They all were considerate, passionate, cultured, amiable, friendly and caring in their approach. The Principal said that these boys did not demand respect but earned it. He congratulated the new Appointment Holders and expected that the high standard set by their predecessors, would be maintained by the new Prefects. He wished them the best of luck for future.

