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The Alumni Office at Aitchison College develops, promotes and manages programmes for our alumni to keep them connected with the College and one another. The office also coordinates with ACOBA and different College departments to generate maximum alumni engagement and support.

ALUMNUS IN FOCUS PRIME MINISTER IMRAN KHAN



The College is very proud that one of our famous Old Boys has been elected as the 22nd Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Imran Khan attended Aitchison College from 1960 to 1969. He then joined Royal Grammar School Worcester to complete his secondary education. In 1972, he read Economics and Politics at the prestigious University of Oxford. Cricket has been an integral part of Imran's life since childhood. At Aitchison, he earned his cricket colours and was a member of the College cricket team. He was Captain of his House cricket team at Aitchison and also Oxford's cricket team in 1974.

In the seventies, Imran began to be recognised as a top class all-rounder. In 1981, he became the Captain of Pakistan team. In 1989-90, he was declared the International Cricketer of the year,

eventually leading Pakistan to victory in the 1992 World Cup in Australia. After retiring from cricket in 1992, he focused his energies on philanthropic work. In 1996, he established Pakistan's first cancer hospital, the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust Cancer Hospital in Lahore, in memory of his mother who was a cancer patient. The hospital offers free quality treatment to most of its patients.

Imran Khan entered into mainstream politics in 1996 and launched his own political

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party called Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). In 2002 elections, Mr. Khan was elected for the first time as a Member National Assembly. PTI emerged as a major political force in 2013, forming its own government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. In the 2018 elections, Mr. Khan's political party emerged as the largest political party in the National Assembly and formed its government in the Federation, Punjab, Balochistan and KPK.

Imran Khan's elevation to Prime Minister serves as an inspiration for all boys at the College. Principal Michael Thomson congratulated Imran Khan through a letter on becoming Prime Minister. "It takes a remarkable person to achieve cricketing greatness, but to also rise as elected leader of one's nation is a truly exceptional feat. We all wish him well," he said.

AITCHISON COLLEGE CONGRATULATES OLD BOYS ON THEIR ELECTION SUCCESSES

We congratulate the following Old Boys, among others, on their appointment as ministers following the recent general elections.



Shah Mahmood Qureshi
(1963 - 1975)

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs



Pervez Khattak
(1962 - 1969)

Federal Minister for Defence



Khusro Bukhtiar
(1975 - 1988)

Federal Minister for Planning,
Development and Reform



Omar Ayub Khan
(1987-1988)

Federal Minister for Power



Hashim Jawan Bakht
(1986 - 1997)

Minister for Finance, Punjab



Mohammad Mohsin Khan Leghari
(1970 -1981)

Minister for Irrigation, Punjab



Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz
(1979 - 1991)

Provincial Minister for Higher Education/Tourism,
Punjab



Murad Raas
(1979-1987)

Minister for School Education, Punjab



Sardar Muhammad Asif Nakai
(1973-1975)

Provincial Minister for Communication
and Work, Punjab



Mir Shabbir Ali Bijarani
(1987 - 1990)

Minister for Mines & Mineral
Development, Sindh



Muhammad Hashim Dogar
(1974 - 1985)

Minister for Population Welfare, Punjab



Muhammad Jahanzaib Khan Khichi
(1979 - 1991)

Minister for Transport, Punjab

AITCHISON 2017-18 TOPS A LEVEL DISTINCTIONS IN PAKISTAN WITH ADMISSIONS TO HARVARD & STANFORD

More news to follow in the next issue.

CRICKET TOUR OF ENGLAND A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

**Aitchisonians defeat top English schools
in exceptional display of cricket**

A squad of 15 players of Aitchison College won 5 out of 6 matches against 5 top English schools and a South African cricket academy on their cricket tour of England from 19th – 30th June, 2018. Our boys played matches against St Edwards College, Oratory School and South African Leopards Academy at Oratory School, Marlborough College, Eton College and Wellington College.

Aitchison College is synonymous to the word 'cricket' having produced eleven Test players – names included in which are: Iftikhar Ali Khan Pataudi (England and India), Imran Khan, Majid and Bazid Khan, and Rameez Raja (Pakistan). On that basis alone, one would presume that the recently completed tour of England was always going to be successful, but Principal Michael Thomson says the results were never straight-forward in matches played against top schools. “Five wins from six games in 9 days in unfamiliar conditions and immediately following Ramzan tested the boys thoroughly. Obviously victories against Eton and Wellington register high on the list of accomplishments, but so too did our one loss against St Edwards that demanded a lot of maturity to get close in a big run chase. Improvement doesn't always come from winning” he says. “It also comes from analysing how you come up short. I suppose also when you consider that Eton had just won against Harrow in their annual game at Lords, our boys have been able to represent their country in circles that stand up and take notice.”

He credits the successful performance of the team not only to a talented squad of players but also to the skills and leadership of Director of Cricket Jon Wright and 1st XI coach Mohammed Riaz who between them have done much to establish a cricket academy of excellence reaching down to boys as young as eleven. The standout players with the bat of tour were the son of Inzaman-ul-Haq, Ibtesam-ul-Haq, and Naail Dar who both scored centuries – the latter in a T20 match. All-rounder Hasnat Abbas and fellow spinner Faridoun Jaffri also look to be great future prospects. As with many teams from the sub-continent, spin played a large part in Aitchison's success. In all games the boys stood firm to pressure situations with bat, ball and in the field.

For Aitchison, it was a tour that offered cultural exchange and the promise of learning more about cricket. The tour is seen as part of the College's determined push for global recognition and relevance, as evidenced by its invitation to join the prestigious Worldwide G20 Group of Schools' – the only school in Pakistan to have achieved this distinction.

For a full report of the tour, please visit: <https://aitchison.edu.pk/newsandevents-testlink.php?id=322>



AITCHISON ENGAGES THE WORLD

Mr. Simon Murray introduces staff to Positive Psychology



Mr. Simon Murray led our Professional Development Day and introduced staff to 'Positive Psychology in Education'; an approach to education that blends academic learning with character & well-being. This was a thoughtful and beneficial day that will enhance the effectiveness of our teaching practice, which is first about 'the students' and then the subject.

Mr. Murray is the former Headmaster of St Peter's College, Adelaide, Australia, a recipient of an Order of Australia for services to education, Fellow of the Australian College of Education, former Chair of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia and Chair of the Positive Education Society of Australia.

Many great schools across the world are employing the approach of 'Positive Psychology' to learning and teaching programmes. Aitchison is naturally the first school in Pakistan to investigate a holistic pastoral approach that sits very comfortably with our aims.

Well-being is more than 'happiness'; it runs to the core of 'who we are when we are at our best': essentially character development and how we can relate even better as a community with clear ideas in mind as to how we recognise 'positiveness' and personal growth in the act of nurturing every boy's self-esteem. The Principal, Mr. Thomson, will be holding further meetings with staff and parents in due course. The introduction of 'Positive Psychology' will also be presented to the new Board of Governors this year.

Professor Mathew McCartney to mentor Aitchison students



Professor Mathew McCartney (Oxford University and Head of South Asian Studies) will soon be with Aitchison for some time in-residence to assist with Oxbridge preparations. His stay will include talks applying to Oxford and helping with applications, mentoring boys and observing school processes.

Balliol College graduates engage students at Aitchison

Aitchison College welcomes three Balliol College graduates, Mr. Rudin Petrossian Byrne (Ireland), Mr. Prince Makawa Abudu (Zimbabwe) and Ms. Reema Riaz (Pakistan) to engage with senior students in various studies. This is the first batch of Balliol graduates who join us as part of a unique arrangement with Aitchison. All will be accommodated on campus and be fully involved with teaching and tutorials – and some in sport. Several of our own graduates have also expressed an interest in pursuing careers in the teaching profession. We will continue to maintain this valuable connection with young, outstanding graduates.



AITCHISON CRICKET TO ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY

Work is currently underway for installation of the new MCG electronic scoreboard. A sympathetic building shall encase the technology, which will allow boys to manage scoring via a Wi-Fi system. The board will also feature replay highlights and have multi-purpose extensions to athletics and other events. ACOBA's enthusiasm and generosity in donating 2 million rupees has made this possible –the College making up the balance.

The Principal, Mr. Thomson, believes that by taking this initiative Aitchison will be doing what many of the great cricket schools have already done in the UK –“only we will do it better”, he says. “Eton, Harrow, Marlborough and Wellington have all taken this initiative and added laptop scoring as well. Mr. Thomson said, “Most of England's old pavilions have needed upgrading as the old fashioned ways of scoring have died away. The beauty of our plan is that Aitchison's new scoreboard will not interfere or 'compete' with the Rab Pavilion as it will be situated some 50 metres away and closer to the Academy nets, and nestled in the trees –easily viewable from all angles. Electronic systems encourage schoolboy scorers in the technology of their time, improve accuracy, keep people updated and in the game, and raise the attractiveness of Aitchison as a potential venue for major fixtures. Ours will have a clock and tiled roof to match the cricket pavilion.”



LEADERSHIP CAMP

Boys receive Training for Successful Leadership

The Leadership Camp was held on 26th-27th August, 2018 bringing together the prefect body and academic council in order to instill in them the true qualities of a leader. The training included lectures from some of the most successful business personalities in the country. Guest speakers, including Old Boys were invited to cover a wide range of relevant topics. Dr. Khurram Tariq, CEO Kay & Emms (Pvt.) Ltd. spoke on the important qualities of leadership. Mr. Omar Saeed, CEO Service Industries elaborated on the importance of traditions in keeping the school united. The role of communication in being a good leader and methods of communication were discussed by Madam Tosheeba Sarwar, CEO imanagers. Lastly, Mr. Ahmed Khan, CEO and Founder of Cheetay Logistics talked about popular leaders and the characteristics of good leadership.

The inspiring lectures emphasized the importance of good leadership. Their acquired skills were later put to test through team tasks assigned by the Deputy Headmaster Mr. Muhammad Kamran. The Headmistress, Ms. Amina Kamran and Vice Principal, Dr. Andrew Treharne had also prepared individual activities that allowed the boys to assess their potential as leaders and to explore the challenges that true leadership entails.

With the perfect mix of game sessions, hearty meals and interactive learning, the camp was a memorable learning experience for the boys. The camp was concluded with an inspiring speech by College Principal, Mr. Michael Thomson at an afternoon tea with the boys and their parents.



ADDING CODING TO THE CURRICULUM

Boys develop valuable skills for a technology-driven world

Aitchison College has decided to make coding a compulsory component of the curriculum from K2 to M2. It is already being done in some sections, but the staff will now look at ways in which the youngest to upper Prep can benefit from a seamless curriculum in this essential and developing technology. Obviously, senior computing is driven by Cambridge curriculum. It is now crucial in modern education to do this while also molding children's minds to reading and writing bringing to them three key literacies.

The practice of programming is one of teaching the computer to do something. The purpose of programming is to create. The computer version of programming, (coding) is mostly used for process automation/communication facilitation, and is a fast growing and in-demand skill in a future world increasingly controlled by the language of technology. The IT staff is currently planning this introduction to coding taking into consideration age related interest and capabilities; ranging from concepts and ideas to actual coding itself. This is a 'moving feast' with children's capabilities growing all the time.

Computational thinking will be created in a way that is in line with other advanced international school thinking. This year, we will, therefore, be developing a fluent curriculum that will interest boys and prepare them in accordance with top schools of the world.

ARIF HUSAIN COMMON ROOM OPENING

The Arif Husain Common Room in Saigol House was officially opened on Wednesday 2nd May, 2018. The room honours our only Olympic track and field athlete: a reminder for boys of the importance of sport and determination.

College Principal Michael Mr. Thomson welcomed the guests to the inauguration. Mr. Thomson expressed his gratitude to Old Boys from the Class of 1987 for their generosity and interest in the development of the College. He particularly thanked Old Aitchisonian Mr. Omar Saeed for spearheading his year group's kind donation to upgrade the Common Room.

Mr Omar Saeed highlighted the many achievements of the Guest of Honour Mr. Arif Husain, who spoke about how Aitchison had given them the best tools and virtues for success. He also shared some cherished memories from his time at the College.

The speeches were followed by the inaugural ceremony and tea in the Saigol House Dining Room. Mr. Arif Saeed, Mr. Fahd Husain and Mr. Khalil-ur-Rehman Ramday graced the occasion with their presence. Also present at the event were former teachers who had taught the class of 1987.



NEW YORK ALUMNI GATHERING

On 8th August 2018, Old Boys residing in New York area got together at Lucky Strike in Manhattan. Aitchison College's principal, Michael Thomson was also in attendance, who was visiting US on school related business.

The diversity of the school's alumni base was in full display as Old Boys representing graduating years from as early as the 1980s to 2014 were present and included individuals working in various fields ranging from media, technology, aviation, finance and real estate, among others.

The Old Boys had candid conversation with the Principal on a number of topics that included ways to enhance collaboration between the College and the old boys, opportunities to stay involved with the alumni office and support various programmes initiated by the Principal to improve the quality of the experience of former and existing students. All the attendees agreed that additional events for Aitchisonians abroad will be a fruitful endeavour. There will be further events planned in the near future and interested Old Boys residing in the New York area should contact Sheheryar Hafeez to be added to the list serv.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRE-1960 OLD BOYS' LUNCH AT AITCHISON COLLEGE



Aitchison College is organising an Old Boys' Lunch for its most senior alumni on Saturday 3rd November, 2018 at 1:00 pm. Old Boys from classes up to 1960 are cordially invited to attend the event.

If you belong to or know anyone from a pre-1960 graduating class, please inform the alumni office by 27th October, 2018 for the invites to be mailed out in time.

Event Registration

You may register for then event by calling us on 111-363-063 (Ext. 427) or by sending us an email at alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk, providing the following information:

- Full Name
- College Number (if available)
- Father's Name
- Leaving class
- Mobile number
- Postal address
- Date of birth
- Date College leaving year/class (e.g. 1954/Grade 10):

The alumni office will dispatch invitation cards to all registered alumni.

Online Registration

For online registration, please visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/CJMwZYrAd8mhUiz2>

COLLEGE TOURS

College tours for alumni will recommence from November, 2018. Old Boys are welcome to visit the College on specific dates for an organised tour of the College campus. The tours are a great opportunity to revive precious memories, catch up with fellow Aitchisonians and to relive the Aitchison camaraderie. Old Boys are also welcome to bring their spouses or children for the tour.

Month	Group
November	1961 – 1975
December	1976-1985
January	1986 - 1990
February	1991 - 1995
March	1996 - 2000
April	2001 - 2005
May	2006 - 2018



Please note:

Registration process and further information including exact date of the tour will be shared closer the event and will be available on the College Website and Facebook page.

MAKING A GIFT

From the earliest contributions to the more recent acts of philanthropy, Aitchison College has benefited greatly from the generous support of Old Boys and others who believe in the advancement of education.

If you would like to support the College's high standards of education or simply give back as an Old Aitchisonian, there are several ways for you to support us. Gifts to Aitchison College can be made for any of the following purposes:

The Old Building Fund

Our donation drive for the Old Building has so far raised 20 million rupees and we thank all those who came to the rescue. The amount has allowed us to make an immediate start but we have a long way to go. Donations are still welcome and needed. The anticipated total cost of the project is estimated to be 50 million rupees.

In order to be renovated and returned to its former glory, the Old Building has been closed until at least September 2019. It is a long time to be without our iconic building, but the end result will ensure that it stands strong and tall for another century. It is a masterful, ambitious and time consuming project.

Old Boy architect Raees Faheem has been overseeing the entire project and the Board sub-committee has been receiving regular updates.

Great progress has been made on the larger cleaning and structural fronts, and now inroads into the finer details of restoration. Re-roofing is almost done with only the shamiana to complete. In this regard, a great deal of old mud in the roof lining has been removed from the Leslie Jones' era where packing mud was a popular summer habit. A host of original internal and external ornate work is being retouched and restored. The dome or cupola and the precious red marble columns have been restored to their original lustre.

One of the key observations made was that the building must be used to ensure its long term survival. To this end, we have plans to have the 'Old Building' operated as a Music School in 2020.

List of Donors

We would like to thank the following donors for their contributions to the Old Building Endowment Fund.

- Syed Babar Ali
- Syed Mohammad Mohsin
- Mrs. Sitwat Mohsin
- Mr. Nauman Ahmed Khan
- Mr. Adnan Ahmed Khan
- Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood
- Syed Aslam Mehdi
- Mr. Yousuf Abdullah (Sapphire Group)
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- Mr. Atif Aslam Bajwa
- Mr. Yawar Shah
- Syed Shehryar Ali
- Mr. Asfandyar Qureshi
- Mr. Shahzad Husain
- Mr. Khalid Jacob
- Syed Mohammed Hussain
- Syed Muhammad Kamal
- Syed Zahir Hassan Bokhari
- Mr. Hasan Abdullah
- Plus, donors who have chosen to remain anonymous

Our Goals
Rs. 50M

Rs.
20.4M



Student Bursaries

Financial constraints should not become a hurdle in the completion of a boy's education at Aitchison College. To this end, we have established a Bursary Fund for helping students in need. Bursaries are extremely important for extending the life-changing experience of an Aitchison education to boys from diverse and often remote backgrounds. By contributing to our Bursary Fund, you are helping some of the brightest young minds in the country. A bursary can be arranged individually or among a group of old boy donors.

The Principal notes that "bursaries will be applied to help boys from outside the Punjab and who come from areas either remote or poor. Aitchison must play its role here."

The Sports Master Plan

The Board of Governors has approved the Sporting Master Plan and formed a committee for the purpose of implementing one of the largest projects since our foundation. The project will bring about massive change in the quality of our sporting facilities. You may fund any of the following Sports Projects at the College:

- Jafar Memorial Hockey Pitch
- New Tennis Centre
- Diving Pool at Senior Swimming and modernized pool with electronic touch pads and results board
- Multi-Purpose Gymnasium

Our plan for a new multi-purpose gymnasium is available on the College website. We aim to raise 4 million USD.

Bequests

A bequest can provide support for strengthening the College into the future. To continue our legacy and to build the base for future achievements, we look forward to our alumni community for support. By naming Aitchison as the beneficiary of a portion of your estate, or of particular assets. You will be making a consequential contribution to the future of the College. A bequest left to Aitchison College can be either named or made anonymously. It can be made in a variety of ways to reflect a person's particular wishes. Bequests in support of Aitchison College should be left ideally for use at the College's own discretion, for these will help the College meet its most pressing needs. Bequests will not be applied to running costs, salaries or other operating expenses, but in support of specific areas of the College's operation such as libraries, bursaries, building projects or other areas of specific interest.

Donor Recognition

We are grateful to all our donors for their support. We show our appreciation by inviting them to College events and special luncheons. All donors are sent an acknowledgement letter by the Principal. Their names are also mentioned in the Aitchison College alumni newsletter and on the College website.

Naming rights will be offered to those who fully fund a capital project.

How to Donate

Cheque/Bank Draft: Please send your bank drafts or cheques (Payee: Principal Aitchison College) to the: Bursar, Aitchison College, Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore - 54000.

Online: An online payment processing system is being developed by the College. This will make donations a simple procedure through the College website.

Bank Transfer: Old Boys can also make a donation through bank transfer.



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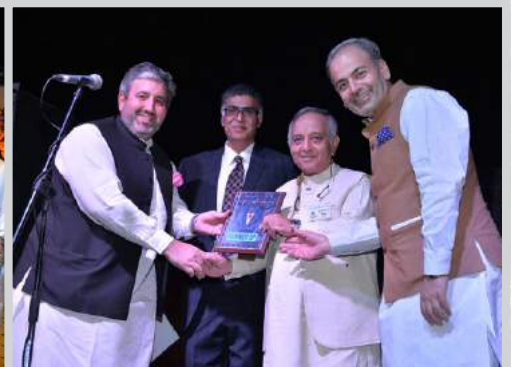
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ACOPA ANNUAL DINNER 2018

ACOPA Annual Dinner was held on 14th April, 2018 at the footsteps of the majestic Gore Block, Junior School. Over 400 Aitchisonians and their families participated making it a truly memorable evening. The ambiance was beautiful as Gore Block magically lit up the evening skies. Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal) graced the occasion together with Dr. Andrew Treharne (Vice Principal Academics), Mr. Khalid Noon (Bursar), Mrs. Amina Kamran (Headmistress Senior School), Mrs. Fatima Mobeen (Headmistress Junior School), Mr. Shahid Mahmood (Director Sports), Syed Shaukat Hussain & Mr. Arif Saeed (Members BOG), Mr. Basheer Ahmad Akhtar (ex-Headmaster Prep School) and other prominent Aitchisonians.



Mr. Shahjehan Ayub (President ACOPA) gave an overview of the past year and welcomed Dr. Andrew Treharne (Vice Principal Academics) & Jon Wright (Director Cricket) on behalf of ACOPA. He acknowledged the tremendous support provided by the Principal and the school to old boys in general and ACOPA activities in particular. The past 12 months saw the busiest ACOPA calendar to date including Two Big Batch Cricket Tournaments (trophies were distributed to the winners), seven sports played against College Teams and first-ever ACOPA – Aitchison Team Debating Competition. Another milestone achieved by ACOPA is the tremendous increase in membership which saw a jump from 1600 members in March 2017 to over 2200 strong within one year! The dinner was a most sumptuous affair and was enjoyed by all. It was followed up by a musical extravaganza by the talented young artist Aima Baig. Old boys and their families were enthralled by the performance. ACOPA thanks our dear Bhatti Sb. for his excellent event photography.



ACOPA BIG BATCH CRICKET LEAGUE 2018

ACOPA also organized the biggest old boys Big Batch Cricket League to date in March 2018 with Thirteen Batches participating including the current Aitchison squad. The cricketing extravaganza at the ACOPA Cricket Ground and Main Cricket Ground (MCG) was a spectacular event with over 170 old boys participating. ACOPA Executive and Sports Committee are indebted to Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal), Mr. Khalid Noon (Bursar) and Mr. Shahid Mahmood (Director Sports) for their tremendous support in making the tournament a success. Excellent cricketing was seen in both Senior (pre 2000) and Junior (post 2000) batches.



The Final of the Seniors was played between Batch of 1989 (AC Gold 89) and Batch of 1994-96 (Lions) at the MCG. Usman Javed Shafi batted magnificently leading the Lions to a well-deserved but toughly contested victory in the MCG. He was also adjudged Batsman of the Tournament (Seniors), an honour he shared with Nisar Zaman Khan (AC Gold 89). Noman Nadir (AC Gold 89) was the highest wicket-taker and took home the honours of Best Bowler of the Tournament (Seniors).

The Final of the Juniors was played between Batch of 2001 (Warriors) led by Sufi Muhammad Farrukh Amin and current Aitchison College team. Aitchison College won the dual and came out victorious having made their indelible mark on the tournament. Head Coach Mr. Riaz and Director Cricket Mr. Jon Wright can rightly be proud of their boys! Aitchison College also took home the awards for Batsman and Bowler of the Tournament (Juniors). ACOPA and Aitchison College were pleased to welcome prominent old boy Mr. Mueen Afzal (former Federal Secretary Finance & Economics Affairs & Hilal-i-Imtiaz recipient) as the Chief Guest along with Dr. Andrew Treharne (Vice Principal Academics), Mr. Shahjehan Ayub (President ACOPA), Mr. Usman Haq (Vice-President ACOPA), Mr. Javed Zaman Khan (Director Sports ACOPA), Mr. Omer Qureshi (Gen. Sec. ACOPA) and ACOPA Executive Committee Members also graced the finals. Special thanks to Taimur Saleem Malik for being part of the ACOPA Big Batch Organizing Committee. Enjoy the beautifully captured moments, courtesy of none other than our dear Bhatti Sb. Well done!





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