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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



Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Leghari, member of Senate of Pakistan received his schooling at Aitchison College from 1971-1981. After serving two terms (2002-2007 and 2008-2012) in the Provincial Assembly, Mr. Mohsin made history in 2012 by winning the Senate election as an independent candidate from Punjab. Before being elected to the Provincial Assembly, Mr. Leghari had acquired extensive experience working with the world's leading Multinational Financial Information and Information Technology companies.

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"At Aitchison, I spent one of the best times of my life. If life had a replay button, I'd relive that part again and again. I had joined school as a day boy in 1971 (K3) but was later moved to Gwyn House where I loved it even more. In boarding, I had an extended family all of a sudden. We were 35 - 40 boys who bonded very well and formed friendships that have lasted to this day."

ALUMNI GUEST SPEAKER SESSIONS



MR. SALMAN AHMAD

Old Aitchisonian Mr. Salman Ahmad visited the College for a Guest Speaker Session with the A2 boys on Friday 13th October, 2017. Salman spoke about his time at Aitchison, his musical journey and his efforts to eradicate polio in the country. He encouraged the boys to follow their heart and to never give up on their dreams. His talk was punctuated with soulful performances of his iconic songs.



MR. MAHAM DARD

Mr. Maham Dard, Director Corporate Affairs & Strategy at Zong (CMPak), visited his alma mater to speak with the A2 boys on Friday 10th November, 2017. His light-hearted but inspirational talk motivated the boys to face challenges with courage and determination.

The talks were followed by interactive Q&A sessions with the students.

GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION

Alumni from the Class of 1967 held their Golden Jubilee Reunion at Aitchison College on 2nd December, 2017.

The Old Boys had a wonderful time reconnecting with friends and reliving happy memories of their school days. Several alumni attended the event, including Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Pervez Khan Khattak. Some alumni had even travelled from abroad to participate in the celebration. College Principal Mr. Michael Thomson also attended the event.



MAJOR LANGLANDS' 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AT AITCHISON COLLEGE

Aitchison College celebrated the 100th Birthday of Major Geoffrey Douglas Langlands on Saturday 21st October, 2017 to honour his lifetime of remarkable service to the country and the cause of education in particular.

Several dignitaries graced the occasion. Minister Higher Education, Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Chief Justice Lahore High Court Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and UK Defence and Military Advisor Brig. B P Edwards OBE were present at the event to honour the Major.

Syed Babar Ali, Mr. Arif Saeed, Professor Javed Akram, Mr. Kamil Khan Mumtaz, Dr. Umar Saif, Mr. Salman Akram Raja, Mian Muhammad Afzal Hayat, Mr. Yousuf Salahuddin and Miangul Adnan Aurangzeb were also in attendance.

Mr. Ali Sibtain Fazli, senior advocate of Supreme Court of Pakistan and Ms. Carey Scholfield, Principal Langlands School spoke at the occasion in praise of Major Langlands and his service to the country. This was followed by a speech by Principal Aitchison College Mr. Michael A. Thomson who presented to him the Queen of England's telegram for his birthday. The Chitral Association for Education and Health also presented an award to Major Langlands.

There was a brief cake cutting ceremony which was followed by tea. Major G.D. Langlands served Aitchison College for 25 years before taking up the challenging job of Principal at Cadet College in Razmak. His service to Pakistan has been wide and varied, but he is best known for the school named in his honour: the Langlands School and College, Chitral. The Major is also an official living legend of Pakistan who served in three armies - British, Indian and Pakistan armies. After running the Langlands School and College for 24 years, he stepped down at the age of 94 and chose Aitchison College as his home after retirement, where he continues to live in the Bahawalpur House.



ARCHIVES' DISPLAY CENTRE INAUGURATED AT AITCHISON COLLEGE

On Monday 13th November, 2017, the newly established Archives' Display Centre was officially inaugurated at the Aitchison College Mandir which has been sensitively utilized and returned to its former glory.

In his inaugural speech, College Principal Mr. Michael Thomson emphasized the importance of an Archives' Centre to preserve the rich past of an historical institution like Aitchison College. Old Aitchisonian and College patron Syed Babar Ali also spoke on the occasion. He appreciated the Principal and the College Archivist for setting up the new Archives' Centre and spoke about Aitchison College being a very important place in the subcontinent, accumulating history of various decades in its journey.

The inaugural exhibition showcased some of the earliest pieces of the College's history from 1886 to 1953. The selected pieces provided a glimpse into life at Aitchison College before and after the 1947 Partition.

Senior College Staff as well as several Old Aitchisonians including Mr. Awais Leghari, Syed Mohammad Mohsin, Mr. Kamil Khan Mumtaz and President ACOBA Mr. Shah Jahan Ayub attended the event. The Old Boys took great delight in seeing old documents and photographs from their time at Aitchison College as they were engulfed with a strong sense of nostalgia.

The Archives Centre has been established to preserve, conserve and exhibit invaluable historical narratives and artefacts that reflect the rich past of Aitchison College. Aitchison's Archives Centre, now a permanent feature of the College, will serve as a beacon of guidance and knowledge for years to come.



A wonderful addition to Aitchison Archives

Our Archives Centre has drawn great acclamation from past students, academics, and students. Recently, we were privileged to receive the hockey shirt worn by the great Syed Mohammad Jafar at either the 1932 or 1936 Berlin Olympics. We are in the process of confirming this and pay special thanks to Mr. Mehdi Moshin for his very generous, thoughtful and deeply appreciated gift on behalf of his son, Mr. Mustafa Mohsin.

This term, Archives will be developing the 1950-1970 collection and we encourage old boys to loan or donate memorabilia and/or letters, etc. to this cause, knowing that our Archives is accountable and secure. The College archivist can be reached at archivist@aitchison.edu.pk

ALUMNI COLLEGE TOURS

Classes: 1956-1975 and 1976 - 1985

Old Aitchisonians belonging to the classes between 1956 and 1975 were invited to the College for a tour on Saturday 18th November, 2017 while alumni from classes 1976 - 1985 visited the College on 30th December, 2017. Several alumni including Chaudhry Aitzaz Ahsan (Class of '63) Justice Umar Ata Bandial (Class of '75) and Mr. Mohsin Leghari (Class of '81) attended these events. College Principal Mr. Michael Thomson welcomed the Old Boys back to their College. President ACOBA Mr. Shahjahan Ayub was also present for the 1956 - 1975 alumni College tour.

The Old Boys were delighted to visit the newly inaugurated Archives' Display Centre. They were also shown the recently renovated Senior School boarding houses and informed about important College developments.

These events were the first two of a series of planned College tours for different groups of graduating classes.



APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRINCIPAL (ACADEMIC)



After an extensive search and interview process, Dr. Andrew Treharne has been appointed Vice Principal. Dr. Treharne was the unanimous choice of the Board of Governors and brings to the College extensive knowledge of Cambridge curriculum, high level experience in UK schools, as well as a doctorate in Biology (genetics) from the University of Birmingham. Andrew was also awarded an MBE for services to education in the UK.

Andrew will act as Vice Principal with a focus on academics throughout the entire school. We extend a warm welcome to Andrew and his family.

PLANNING COMPUTERS & ROBOTICS

We are all aware of humanity's advance toward an AI world, which is a 'fast moving feast'. The current school computer program/offering is more than adequate, but, for example, what E2 is doing now, K4 will most likely be doing in two years, and so on. The pace and uptake in this area of education is specialized and fast, and we seek to be better. In this regard, we are close to introducing programming and robotics in Prep and Senior School, although we do have a club that has been in operation for some time.

Apropos of this, we received good news that Noshir Ali Khan (Kelly House) received first prize in the Pakistan Innovation Foundation STEM School after an extremely selective process. This was a 9 day residential campus, and students got the chance to investigate synthetic biology robotics, physics and aeronautics. Noshir chose artificial intelligence and created a 'GenAI' in-game problem solver. LUMS University has kindly offered to partner us in this development. As we look into the future, we see Science and Robotics as a coordinated faculty. There is little doubt that many of our boys are ready to engage in this style of education that pushes beyond the core curriculum in much the same way as the Meta-Cognition classes do.

AITCHISON BOYS SET NEW NATIONAL RECORDS

Our best swimmers participated in the National Junior Boys' Age Group Swimming Championship held at PNS Karsaz Swimming Pool, Karachi on 11th & 12th Nov, 2017. Historical and remarkable performances by several boys set new national records. Aitchison continues to raise the national standard of swimming in Pakistan. Last year, we won Seven Gold, Eleven Silver & Seven Bronze Medals in the same championship. This year we won twelve Gold, Nine Silver & Two Bronze medals. Well done to our boys listed below alongside their golden achievements.

Name	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Remarks
Daniyal Ghulam Nabi	7	-	-	Three New National Records in 50 M Freestyle, 100 M Breaststroke & 4x100 M Freestyle Relay.
Asfandiyar Khan Sherdil	6	1	-	Two New National Records in 50 M Butterfly & 4x100 M Freestyle Relay.
Mikail Faisal Ejaz	3	3	-	One New National Record in 4x100 M Freestyle Relay.
Azlan Khan	-	5	2	

Asfandiyar Khan Sherdil timing in 50 M Butterfly (timing: 32:97 Sec.) was excellent.

Daniyal Ghulam Nabi was declared the Best National Swimmer in U-12 Age Group.

ARIF HUSSAIN COMMON ROOM

Shortly, we will officially open the Arif Hussain Common Room in Saigol House. This room will honour what we believe is our only Olympic track and field representative: a reminder for boys of the importance of sport and determination. We are grateful to Mr. Omer Saeed for spearheading his year group's kind donation to upgrade the Common Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New York Alumni Gathering



The New York branch of Old Boys is organising an alumni gathering in late March.

Alumni planning to attend the event may contact Old Aitchisonian Mr. Sheryar Hafeez for more information.

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Alumni College Tour (Classes 1991 - 2000)



Old Aitchisonians belonging to the graduating classes between 1991 and 2000 are invited to visit the College for a campus tour on Saturday 17th February, 2017 at 3 pm.

PROGRAMME	
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Gathering at the Mandir Courtyard
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Viewing of the Archives Centre
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	College Tour

Old boys planning to attend the may fill out the registration form at <https://goo.gl/forms/WgZcQjqAmMQzkrJ2>

Other Upcoming Tours

Classes	Date
Classes: 2001-2010	24-Mar-18
Classes: 2011-2017	14-Apr-18

For queries or information, please contact us at alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk

Founders' Day



This year, the Founders' Day events will be held from 8th - 10th March, 2018.

The Academic Prize Distribution will be held on 8th of March, while the Main Founders' Day (Sports) will be held on 10th of March.

Process for getting invites:

- ❶ Old Boys planning to attend the Founders' Day, may fill out the registration form at <https://goo.gl/forms/nKn4AfqMRSFzwVWi2>
- ❷ The Alumni Office will dispatch invitation cards to registered alumni after due verification.

Old Boys' Art Exhibition



An exhibition of creative works, including drawing, paintings, sculpture, digital art, publications, musical recordings or any other evidence of creative endeavour is being organised. This will later be followed by selected artwork displayed at a permanent art gallery in the College by artists who wish to do so.

All Old Aitchisonians who wish to showcase must submit their art work not later than 20th February, 2018 at the Art Department Senior School.

For queries,
please contact

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MAKE 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:

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 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 ([link to donation tracker](#))
- New Tennis Centre
- Multi-Purpose Gymnasium
- Diving Pool at Senior Swimming

The Old Building Fund

The 'Old Building' is our greatest architectural treasure: standing iconic as an 'educational mother'; the keeper of memories and boyhoods' past. Its conservation and preservation is of utmost importance to us all.

We already know that extreme termite damage has to be treated and possibly a new roof constructed, along with renovating marble and intricate decorations that make this a national treasure. The Old Building's integrity will be preserved and maintained. Funding has begun, but we have a long way to go.

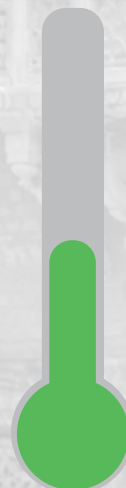
List of Donors

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

- Syed Babar Ali
- Mr.Nauman Ahmed Khan
- Mr. Adnan Ahmed Khan
- Mr.Abdul Razak Dawood
- Syed Aslam Mehdi
- Mr.Yousuf Abdullah (Sapphire Group)
- Mr. Hamid Hussain
- Mr. Ahmed Shahid Hussain
- Syed Mohammad Mohsin
- Mr.Bilal Rashid
- Mr.Atif Aslam Bajwa
- Mr.Yawar Shah
- Mr.Humayun Mazhar
- Mr.Zulfiqar Monnoo
- Mr.Tariq Sayeed Saigol
- Mr. Salman Akhtar
- Syed Shehryar Ali
- Mr. Asfandiyar Qureshi
- Mr. Shahzad Husain
- Plus donors who have chosen to remain anonymous

Our Goal
Rs. 50M

Rs.
15.8M



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 to our alumni community for support. By naming Aitchison as the beneficiary of a portion of your estate, or of particular assets in your estate, 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) at the following address:

Bursar, Aitchison College, Shahrah-e-Quaid-eAzam, Lahore – 54000.

Online: An online payment processing system is being developed by the college. Alumni will soon be able to donate conveniently through the College website.

Contact

For any queries or information, please email bursar@aitchison.edu.pk or call on 111-363-063 (Ext. 333)

ACOPA UPDATE

ACOPA Winterfest 2017

ACOPA Winterfest was held on Saturday, 18-November, 2017 in a majestic setting at the footsteps of Gore Block, Junior School. The atmosphere was energetic and exciting with over 450 Aitchisonians and their families attending the festivities. The ambiance was a sight to behold as Gore Block lit up the beautiful November evening. Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal) graced the occasion. 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) and prominent old boys graced the occasion. Former senior teacher Mr. Mohammad Ismail and former Headmaster Prep School Mr. Amir Hussain were also part of the auspicious gathering.



The dinner was a most sumptuous affair and was enjoyed by all. It was followed up by a musical extravaganza with a scintillating performance by Shafqat Amanat Ali Khan. Old boys of all age groups and their families hailed the exposition as one of the best they have ever seen. Shafqat Amanat Ali Khan involved a couple of old boys in duets and finished up his brilliant performance by calling Mr. Shahjehan Ayub (President ACOPA) and other Executive Committee Members on stage to bring the house down. ACOPA thanks our dear Bhatti Sahab for his excellent event photography.



ACOPA donates to Langlands School (Chitral)

ACOPA Executive Committee proudly participated in Hi-Tea at Principal's residence on Saturday, 21-October, 2017 in honour of Major Gregory Douglas Langland's 100th Birthday Celebrations. To honour the life-long services of Major Langland and his impact on Aitchisonians in particular and the education sector in general, Mr. Shahjehan Ayub (President ACOPA), Mr. Usman Haq (Vice-President ACOPA), Mr. Omer Qureshi (Gen. I Sec. ACOPA) and ACOPA Executive Committee Members presented a cheque of Rs. five hundred thousand to Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal) for the Langlands School (Chitral).



ACOPA Committee members vs. Aitchison staff Cricket match

ACOPA kicked off the grandest and most challenging ACOPA Sports Calendar ever with a wonderful cricket match between ACOPA Committee Members and Aitchison Staff at the Main Cricket Ground on Sunday, 03-December, 2017. Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal) and Mr. Andrew Egan (Headmaster Prep School) led the Aitchison Staff cricket team. Aitchison Staff lit up the beautiful morning with wonderful stroke led by a magnificent century by Iqbal haider. In reply, ACOPA Committee could only muster 186 for loss of 6 wickets. The legendary Pakistani cricketer and prominent old boy Mr. Majid Khan graced the occasion along with Mr. Shahjehan Ayub (President ACOPA), Mr. Usman Haq (Vice-President ACOPA) and Mr. Javed Zaman Khan (Director Sports ACOPA) as well as many family members of old boys and Aitchison Staff.



ACOPA Big Bash Cricket League 2017

ACOPA also organized the biggest old boys Big Batch Cricket League to date with Ten Batches participating [1989, 1994-95, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006] in the three day T-10 extravaganza at the ACOPA Cricket Ground. ACOPA Executive & Sports Committee is 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 huge success. Excellent cricketing was seen on all three days with Mohsin Saleh (Batch of 2002) demolishing the opposition with a brilliant 108 off just 38 balls. There was excellent bowling by Zain ul Abideen (2004), Shaan Lashari and Uzair Afridi (2006).



The Final was played between Batch of 2006 (Delta Force) and Batch of 2002 (Gladiators). Haider Bokhari (2006) was the difference as he simply took the game away by scoring 52* and 49* respectively in the Semi-Final and the Final with 7 huge sixes each in both matches. Delta Force 2006 lifted the trophy with Haider Bokhari as Man of the Match in the final. Mohsin Saleh (2002) was a most deserving Man of the Tournament. Please enjoy the beautifully captured shots, courtesy of none other than our dear Bhatti Sahab. Well done!



ACOPA ANNUAL SPORTS FIXTURES 2017-18 VS. AITCHISON COLLEGE TEAM

09-February-2018 Hockey & Table Tennis	10-February, 2018 Tennis & Basketball
16-February, 2018 Football & Squash	18-February, 2018 Cricket
24-February, 2018 Tent Pegging	21-April, 2018 Water Polo

Please visit ACOPA Official Facebook Page for details on focal persons and information on how to register/participate in ACOPA Annual Sports Fixtures 2017-18 or e-mail at cec.acoba@gmail.com