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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



Salman Akram Raja, an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan is ranked as one of the top lawyers in the country. He is a senior partner of Raja Muhammad Akram & Co, one of Pakistan's premier law firms. Salman is an Old Aitchisonian and also an alumnus of Harvard Law School, University of London and Downing College, University of Cambridge. He is a regular commentator on television in Pakistan, as well as an op-ed contributor in the press. He has served as a lecturer at the Law Faculty of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), the University College Lahore (UCL), and the Government College University (GCU), Lahore. He is presently part of the Adjunct Faculty at Aitchison College.

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“ There was a Full College Blazer for boys who excelled in sports but no recognition for those who did well in studies or extra-curricular activities. So I wrote a very detailed letter to Mr. Abdul Rahman Quraishi saying that it was most unjust and that those who did well in studies or extra-curricular activities needed to be similarly recognized. So, I suggested a Full College Blazer for them as well. I am happy that the letter was accepted and the blazer was instituted. I and my friend Salman Akhtar were the first recipients of that blazer in 1983 and then we were again awarded that blazer when we got three A's in our A Level in 1984. So that is how the Academic Blazer started.”

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAJOR G.D. LANGLANDS

Major Geoffrey Douglas Langlands served Aitchison College for 25 years, leaving an indelible mark on his students and also the school. The College will be celebrating his 100th Birthday on 21st October, 2017. On this special occasion, we take a look at the life and legacy of the Major to honour his remarkable contribution to the country and the cause of education in particular.

Major Langlands was born in 1917 in Hull, England. His parents passed away when he and his siblings (twin brother and a sister) were still children.

He attended public school at King's College Taunton, Somerset, where he studied from 1930 to 1936. He began his working life at the age of 18, when he started teaching at a private Preparatory School in London in 1936. While working at the school, he was also studying for B.Sc. at Birkbeck College (evening College of London University).

On outbreak of the World War II in 1939, Langlands left his studies in his final year to join the British Army where he subsequently climbed official ranks. He was posted to 4 Commando, taking part in the disastrous raid on Dieppe in 1942.

He was then selected for officer training and posted to the Indian Army. He arrived in British India in January 1944 and served the Indian Army till 1947. In 1947, upon Partition, the Major volunteered to stay behind to train up the new army. He remained attached to the Pakistani Army on contract till 1953. When it was time for him to leave, the Commander-in-Chief of the army General Ayub Khan requested him to stay and to put his educational expertise to good use in civilian life.

Hence, Major Langlands picked up where he had left. On completing contract with the Pakistani Army, he joined the staff at Aitchison College in January, 1954. He was Housemaster of Kelly House from 1954 to 1956 and later was appointed as the Housemaster of Preparatory School boarding house, Saigol House in 1969. At Aitchison, he was also in charge of athletics, P.T. and College expeditions. He was made Acting Headmaster of Preparatory School several times before being officially appointed as the Headmaster of Preparatory School on 1st October 1974.

In 1979, Major Langlands was requested by the Government of NWFP to serve as the Principal of Cadet College at Razmak in North Waziristan. He decided to put his experience at Aitchison College to good use by serving the cause of education in Pakistan in new fields. He took up the challenge and served the Cadet College at Razmak for a decade. During his time there, he was also abducted by tribesmen in 1988 but released unharmed after six days of negotiations.

Major Langlands then embarked on another challenging journey by taking up the helm of affairs at the Sayurj Public School in the mountains of Chitral. To honour his great contributions, the school was renamed as 'The Langlands School and College, Chitral.

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.

Major Langlands has received several prestigious awards including Member of the Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, as well as Hilal-e-Imtiaz.



AITCHISON COLLEGE LEADERSHIP CAMP

After the selection of the prefectorial body and the sports captains from 2017-2018, Aitchison College held a leadership camp to equip its newly elected leaders with a vital sense of leadership, the responsibilities that their positions carry and ways in which to handle different situations. The camp was held from the 14th to the 17th of August, during the course of which a number of leading professionals lectured the young leaders on how to be effective and efficient in discharging their duties.

The students stayed at the Leslie Jones Boarding House throughout the 4 days of the camp. This helped to inspire unity amongst the prefectorial body and the sports captains, allowing them to develop a sense of understanding and team spirit.

The lectures were delivered by various Alumni including Mr. Aamir Ibrahim, CEO Mobilink, Mr. Moeed Yusuf, Associate Vice President at USIP's Asia Center and Mr. Wasif Waseem Ashraf, a leading HR consultant. The sessions gave the young leaders an insight into the minds of people who have successfully led teams in their respective fields. One of the guest speakers was Syed Rafay Hassan, the head boy of the College from the previous year, who gave the prefectorial body valuable tips on how to handle pressure situations and maintain discipline in the student body.

The leadership camp was an opportunity for the prefects and the sports captains not just to learn about the responsibilities that had been bestowed upon them but also to get to know each other and become a well-knit unit. The camp was organized through the efforts of Madam Amina Kamran, Headmistress Senior School and the Principal, Mr. Michael Thompson.



OLD BOYS' REGISTRATION

Register now at www.aitchison.edu.pk/alumni

if you haven't already and encourage other Old Boys to do the same. Alumni registration updates your College record and subscribes you to the alumni email newsletter.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

We'd love to hear what you've been doing since you left Aitchison.

Write to us at alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk to let us know of any recent accomplishments. Send in 100 – 150 words about your journey after Aitchison, along with your picture, and we will share your profile on our website -

https://aitchison.edu.pk/alumni/alumni_profiles.php

DONORS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Aitchison College hosted a Donors' Appreciation Luncheon on 9th September, 2017 to honour the donors of the 'Old Building Fund'.

College Principal Mr. Michael Thomson thanked the guests for giving back to their alma mater and shared with them important College developments. College patron Syed Babar Ali also spoke on the occasion. He emphasized the need to preserve the integrity of the Old Building and urged the Old Boys for their continued support.

The donors were also presented awards by Principal Thomson in grateful appreciation of their support for the conservation and preservation of the Old Building.



AITCHISON COLLEGE LAUNCHES METACOGNITION PROGRAM



The Aitchison College Metacognition Programme commenced on September 13, 2017. The program involves a series of lectures for AS level students by our Adjunct Faculty comprising Old Aitchisonians from esteemed Universities.

The mark of a great educational institution is the reach of its ambition: the ideal is an education versed in the liberal arts, the natural sciences, social sciences, and an appreciation of the breadth and interconnectedness of knowledge.

The metacognition program at Aitchison seeks to add significant breadth to the current scope of instruction. With a commitment of approximately two hours per week per student, the Adjunct Faculty is helping students broaden their knowledge base beyond the curriculum taught in their selected subjects to better integrate and succeed in the highly competitive global environment of today. The program is another step forward towards providing an environment of learning to students in line with the practices of the best schools in the world.

Old Boy Salman Akhtar (MIT) has taken a lead role in this initiative and all members of the Adjunct Faculty have shown great enthusiasm and input. Mr. Salman Akhtar, Mr. Omar Khayyam Sheikh, Mr. Salman Akram Raja, Mr. Nadeem Babar, Mr. Nauman Zaffar, Mr. Asim Loan, Mr. Malik Amin Aslam and Mr. Omer Saeed have already delivered lectures on topics that span the areas of History, Pakistan, Economics, Science and Life Skills.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicago Alumni Gathering

Old Aitchisonian Mr. Ajwad Imran is organising an alumni gathering for Old Boys in Chicago.

Date: 11th November, 2017

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

For further details, please contact Ajwad Imran.

Email: ajwad.imran90@gmail.com.



Alumni Meet-up at Aitchison College (Classes: 1956-1975)

The College is organising a Reunion/College Tour for the 1956 - 1975 classes on Saturday 18th November, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Registration Process:

If you belong to any of these classes, please register for the event by sending an email to alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk. Mention 'Alumni Meet-up' in the subject line and send in the following necessary information:

Name, College Number (if possible), Father's Name, Date of Birth, Joining Class/Year, Leaving Class/Year, Mobile Number and Postal address. If you know someone who might be interested, please let them know about the event.



Old Boys' Tours at Aitchison College

The College will be organising the following tours for Old Boys from November 2017 - April 2018. Find your class in the schedule below and mark your calendars in advance.



Month	Batches
30 th December 2017	1976-1985
January 2018	1986 -1990
February 2018	1991-1995
March 2018	1996- 2000
April 2018	2006 - 2017

Registration process and other details will be shared closer to the event.

MAKE A GIFT

There are several ways for you to give back to your alma mater and contribute to its development. Presently, our priority projects that require special attention include the Old Building Fund and the Sports Master Plan.

• 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. Mr. Mustafa Ramday is chairing the Committee and it is currently appointing a project consultant and architect.

Interested donors may contact the Bursar (bursar@aitchison.edu.pk) or the Alumni Office (alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk, 111-363-063 Ext. 427).



• The Old Building Fund

The Conservation and Preservation of the Old Building is our most pressing obligation. Funding this on-going task is a meaningful way for the Old Boys to show their love and appreciation for the College.

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. 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.
13.875M



If you would like to donate, please send a pay order or cheque made payable to Principal Aitchison College, to the Alumni Office, Aitchison College, Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore – 54000.

For any queries or information, please email alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk or call on 111-363-063 (Ext. 427)

ACOPA UPDATE

ACOPA Internship Initiative 2017

This year, the ACOPA internship initiative was launched to facilitate the senior school students. Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre and Shalamar Hospital provided excellent internships to many pre-medical students during the summer. The pre-engineering students interned at companies like Atlas Honda. There were numerous social work and community service internships that were offered by SOS Children's Villages, The Citizens Foundation (TCF) Schools and Fatima Memorial Hospital. It was heartening to see many senior school students take advantage of these internships. ACOPA hopes to expand on this program to offer more options and diverse opportunities to Aitchison students next year. We thank and are indebted to the Principal Mr. Michael Thomson, Mr. Khalid Noon (Bursar) and Mrs. Amina Kamran (Headmistress Senior School) for their whole-hearted support of ACOPA Internship Initiative 2017.

ACOPA Sporting Activities 2017-2018

Building on its strong sporting foundations laid over the past many years, ACOPA Sports Committee is planning an energetic and highly competitive sporting schedule for the recently started academic year. With the active cooperation of the Alumni Office and Director Sports, ACOPA is planning to hold the regular annual sporting events like Cricket (18-Feb-2018), Hockey (9-Feb-2018), Football (16-Feb-2018), Tennis (10-Feb-2018) & Tent Pegging (24-Feb-2018) as well as additional sporting competitions like Squash, Table Tennis, Basketball & Water Polo during this year. The old boys Cricket 'Big Bash' tournament that has been successfully held over the past three years by a group of young and active Aitchisonians is also positioned to go bigger this year with ACOPA's active cooperation. ACOPA Sports Committee will share details of the complete sports calendar, once the schedule is finalized by the school's Sports Department and Director Sports.

ACOPA Welcomes the Principal

It was a pleasure and an honour to welcome the Principal Mr. Michael Thomson to ACOPA's Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting held on 06-October, 2017 on the personal request of President ACOPA Mr. Shahjehan Ayub. The ACOPA Sports Schedule along with development projects of mutual interest at Aitchison were discussed in the meeting in the presence of the Principal. ACOPA CEC expressed their interest to hold a grand dinner and musical evening in the near future. The dates and details of the winter dinner will be finalized in the coming weeks. Mr. Thomson briefly informed the various steps he had taken for the betterment of the College which were well acknowledged and appreciated by the ACOPA CEC.

