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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. The office also coordinates with ACOBA and different College departments to generate maximum alumni engagement and support. Alumni are encouraged to contribute for the betterment of their alma mater.

ALUMNI IN FOCUS

Dr. Reza Baqir



Dr. Reza Baqir Old Aitchisonian, currently Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, MA (USA), and former Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan. Dr. Baqir served as the Governor of Pakistan's central bank during from May 2019 to May 2022. He introduced several digitization initiatives in Pakistan's financial sector including Roshan Digital Accounts for overseas Pakistanis, reforms in the foreign exchange regulations that spurred a new wave of investments in startups and fintechs, Raast—an instant and free digital payment system, and a licensing framework for digital banks. Previously, Dr. Baqir held senior positions with the International Monetary Fund (2000-19) based in Washington, Egypt, and the Philippines, and the World Bank (1993-95). He was the Head of the IMF's Office in Egypt and Senior

Resident Representative during 2017-19. He was Division Chief of the IMF's Debt Policy Division for four years overseeing IMF's policy and country work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt sustainability. Dr. Baqir attended Aitchison from 1976-1988. He was one of the most prominent students and was a multiple award holder: Head Boy, Full College Blazer, Rivaz Gold Medal, Dane Bhima Gold Medal (1986), Babar House Badge for Academics, Babar House Colours for Academics (1984, 1985 and 1987), and 2nd position in College in S.C. examinations 1986. Dr. Baqir was also appointed to several responsible positions including College Prefect and President College Election Society for the years 1985-1986. After graduating from Aitchison College, Dr. Baqir, obtained an A.B. (Magna Cum Laude) from Harvard University in Cambridge, MA (USA) and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley, CA (USA). Dr. Reza Baqir shares his experience at Aitchison College and his feelings for his alma mater in his own words.

Aitchison's motto—Perseverance Commands Success—has been my guiding light. As Aitchisonians, we should be grateful to Allah for the privilege of having studied at this premier institution.

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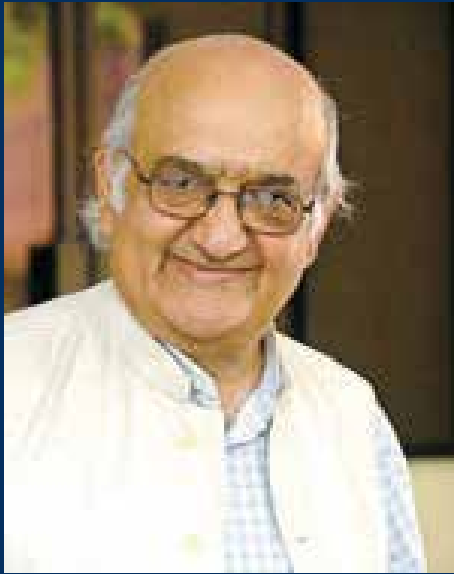
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ALUMNI IN FOCUS

Professor Rehman Sobhan



Old Aitchisonian Professor Rehman Sobhan is the Chairman of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). Prof. Rehman was also the leader of the opposition in the Council of State in 1952. He was involved in the struggle for democracy and against injustice, which culminated in the emergence of an independent Bangladesh. These issues continue to motivate his professional life and inspire him to pen down his thoughts which he has published as well.

He was a student at Aitchison for the HSC class 1951-52. During his time it was the leading educational institution in what was then West Pakistan. It provided a well-rounded educational experience with exceptional facilities for learning, living, sports and extracurricular activities. Among his fond memories were the times he spent in Godley House with fellow HSC students and connected him to influential teachers like Mr. Gwyn, the Principal and Mr. Pinson, Housemaster of Kelly House; whose English lessons are still engrained in his memory. At Aitchison, he earned the Churchill House Medal, Hockey colours and was a Prefect at Kelly House. He was one of the best

Hockey players. After studying from Aitchison he spent 3 years at University of Cambridge from 1953-56 where he obtained a degree in economics. He was elected President of the Cambridge Majlis. Later on, he chose to teach economics at Dhaka University finally retiring as a Professor, a profession that he had gained interest in during his time at Cambridge. Professor Rehman later served as Director General of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS).

As a message for other alumni Professor Rehman Sobhan duly emphasizes on always demonstrating empathy for the less privileged sections of our society. Surely little empathy can go a long way.

Aitchison Congratulates Syed Babar Ali



Aitchison congratulates Syed Babar Ali for being inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in the category of 'Business, Corporate and Philanthropic Leadership.' Our longest serving Board Member and Chairman of the Board Sub Committee is a national treasure now recognised globally among Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners across the Academy's 240 year history.

Outstanding Performance in the CAIE's 2022

We are delighted to share the news that Aitchisonians have yet again demonstrated their hard work and determination by achieving exceptional results in CAIE's 2022. The Principal Mr. Thomson congratulated (Headmistress Senior School) Ms. Amina Kamran and College Faculty for enabling the students to reach their potential.

We had a whopping 75% A*s and A's setting yet another record. Congratulations to all of our students and teachers!

Aitchisonian represented Pakistan at the Islamic Games 2022



Daniyal Ghulam Nabi (swimmer) of H1 represented Pakistan in the Islamic Solidarity Games 2022, which were held on August 9th, 2022 in Konya, Turkey. He is a highly accomplished swimmer and record holder. Daniyal participated in 50, 100 and 200 metres breaststroke events. He qualified for the semifinals in the 100 metre breaststroke, where he swam a personal best of 1.10.30, missing the senior national record by 0.05 seconds. Daniyal currently holds all swimming records except 100m freestyle.



Aitchison opens its first new Senior boarding since 1890

An appreciative audience witnessed the opening of new K&N's Boarding House, on Saturday, 20th August, 2022 presided over by the Governor of the Punjab and President of the Board of Governors, Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman. Both His Excellency and the Principal paid tribute to Old boy donor, Mr. Adil K. Sattar (Godley '92) and welcomed his parents in whose names the house is dedicated. Blending the old dispensary (1889) as a transformed dining hall with the benefits of modern residential living, more boys from all over Pakistan can now enjoy the privilege of an education at Aitchison College.



The Principal Mr. Thomson with Mr. Adil K. Sattar (Old Boy, AC' 1992) and Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman (Governor of the Punjab).



The Governor of the Punjab meet the Haseeb Ismail (Head Boy) and Muhammad Aizaz Salahuddin (Deputy Head Boy).



AKU FSc Board Admissions 2021

The first Aga Khan Board FSc batch made us proud by gaining admissions into prestigious medical schools across Pakistan. The boys achieved remarkable grades in the FSc examinations and MDCAT. Khawaja Haider Sami and Muhammad Sukhera achieved highest marks in the Board examinations.

The boys were grateful for the Agha Khan Board initiative and thanked the Principal Mr. Thomson, Ms. Amina Kamran (Headmistress Senior School) and the College Faculty for their continuous support.



Standing L-R : Mr.Thomson (College Principal),Noor Ahmed Aamir, Abdur Rehman Bin Umar,Mohammad Ibrahim Awan,Khawaja Haider Sami,Muhammad Sukhera,Ms.Amina Kamran (Senior Scholl Headmistress).

Aitchison wins DSP Inaugural Debating Championship 2022

The DSP Inaugural Debating Championship was held in Islamabad on Wednesday, 31st August, 2022. It was hosted by Westminster Academy Rawalpindi, comprising 48 teams from across Pakistan. Aitchison College managed to win 3/4 preliminary rounds and won the tournament in the Grand Final against International School of Lahore B team. Aitchison College Team A's speakers also ranked amongst the Top 10 speakers of the tournament, with Rafay Hadi winning the Best Speaker award, Hasan Askari ranking 4th and Ibrahim Qazi ranking 9th. All three speakers consequently qualified for the Pakistan National Debate Team selection camp, which will be held next year.



Malik Atta Muhammad Memorial Tent Pegging Competition 2022



The Malik Atta Muhammad Memorial Tent Pegging Competition between Old Boys & College Team was held on Saturday, 5th March 2022. The competitors were in three categories. In Tent Pegging Individual, the first position was held by Mr. Aamir Munawar, second position was secured by Hamza Tariq Saadat of C2E and the third place was bagged by Mr. Syed Hussain Abbas. For Tent Pegging Pairs, college boys Ali Babar Alpa & Makhdum Murad Shah (also Captain & Vice Captain of the College Team) stood first, second position was secured by Omar Babar Alpa and Zaair Abbas whereas the third position was won by Ahmad Hassan Faiz Chadhar and Hassan Ahmed, all four of them are from the College team. In the section tent pegging, old boys Syed Ali Raza, Syed Hasaan Abbas, Syed Qutub Ali & Mian Asad Hayat came first, College boys Ali Babar Alpa, Makhdum Murad Shah, M Dawood Kamran & Syed Faraz Mansoor won second position followed by third position holders which were also old boys, Mian Shahwali Tariq, Mohib Ullah Bin Mubeen, Daniyal Ashraf & Nausherwan Hassan Awan.



Both the Old Boys and College Team members put up a great display of tent pegging and performed exceedingly well. The event was concluded by the Chief Guest, Mr Shah Jehan Ayub presenting cups and trophies to the position holders.

Pakistan National Hockey Team visited Aitchison

Aitchison College had the privilege of hosting a practice session for the Pakistan National Hockey Team on Tuesday, 17th May, 2022.



Mr. Umer Zaman (Games Master) receiving Daniel Barry (Physical Trainer, Pakistan Hockey Team).



Moin Shakeel (Pakistan Hockey player) with high spirit at the hockey ground.



Mr. Umer Zaman (Games Master of Aitchison College), Mr. Thomson (Principal Aitchison College) giving shield to Khawaja Junaid (Manager Pakistan Hockey Team)



The ACOBA Firing Range

The Aitchison College vs ACOBA Rifle Shooting Fixture took place on Friday, 25th February, 2022. The Aitchison College Rifle Shooting team made a commendable clean sweep against ACOBA's Rifle Shooting Squad. The boys bagged the top four positions with a highest score of 112/150 points by Hassaan Zulfiqar of (H1I). The 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions went to Muhammad Saqib Sialvi (M1FG) - 101/150 points, Khudayaar Bandesha (M1A3) - 101/150 points and Syed Mohammad Ismail Shah (M1FG) - 93/150 points, respectively. The 5th position was taken by ACOBA's Mr. Jaffer Mehdi - 80/150 points while the 6th position once again was won by Ali Ahmed Saad (H1B) - 80/150 of Aitchison College. Congratulations to Hamza Naveed Malik (AC 2007), as the Firing Range coach.

We thank ACOBA for donating funds to reinvigorate this sport.



High Achievers' Tea Party

A gathering of more than one thousand parents and boys enjoyed this annual occasion in the Principal's garden.



University of Home Economics Lahore (UHE) visited Aitchison

The students (Arts & Design Department) from University of Home Economics Lahore (UHE) visited Aitchison College on Thursday, 29th September, 2022 as part of their work on 'Pakistan and the theme of heritage.'





The Jafar Memorial Hockey Championship 2022

The Jafar Memorial Hockey Championship returned to Aitchison in 2022. Played in honour of the Late Syed Mohammad Jafar, the aim is to promote junior hockey through healthy inter-school competition, with the necessary facilities for improving the game. Aitchison U-17 played in this year's final, after which a Jafar XI was chosen from among all competing teams. The Jafar XI played the National U-13 team, losing narrowly 4/3. The Chief Guest Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shirazi (Old Boy, AC'1979, Godley House) distributed trophies, shields and medals among the players. We are proud that four Aitchison boys made the Jafar XI, and also satisfied that Syed Mohammed Jafar's peerless name continues to be associated with the best spirit and intentions of hockey.



Standing L-R: President of ACOBA Mr. Shahjahan Ayub, Principal Mr. Thomson, Chief Guest & Old Boy Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shirazi, Games Master Mr. Umer Zaman



1st Aitchison National Fastest Man Championship-2022



The first National Fastest Man Championship was hosted by Aitchison College, Lahore on the 23rd September, 2022. More than 30 professionals and schools across the Punjab participated in the Championship. There were over hundred ranked runners in various running categories. Bilal Hamid of Aitchison College was awarded first position in inter school 100 Metres Race. In the professionals, 100 metres category, 3rd position went to National Athlete Uzair Rehman from the Pakistan Army with a timing of 10.50 seconds, 2nd position to Nadeem Ahmad of HEC with a timing of 10.30 seconds, and the winner was National Athlete and record holder Shajjar Abbas from HEC with a timing of 10.20 seconds. The Prizes were distributed amongst the Athletes by the Principal of Aitchison College and the Secretary Athletics Federation Muhammad Zafar.



Bilal Hamid finishing the race.



Shajjar Abbas from HEC finishing 1st in 100 Metres Race



Ms. Suniya Sadullah Khan (Niece) praising College.

Memorial Service for Former Principal Mr. Shamim Saifullah Khan

Tribute was offered on Sunday 28th August 2022 to former Principal of Aitchison College (Late) Mr. Shamim Saifullah Khan. The Memorial Service was graced by the presence of several significant 'Old boys' at the Shamim Khan Hall. Leading staff and College prefects attended the ceremony.

The College Principal welcomed the Chief Guest (H.E. Governor of Punjab) Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman and highlighted the achievements of a treasured educator and leader. He acknowledged the dynamic character who gave so much of himself to the College and a generation of boys. The Member of Board of Governor and senior most Old Boy Syed Babar Ali addressed the gathering, along with Khawaja Ahmad Tariq Rahim (Old Boy, Politician) who recounted his unforgettable memories with his friend. Ms. Suniya Sadullah Khan (Niece) paid special thanks to College, she was impressed with the arrangements of the visual display by the Arts and Archives Society.



Mr. Khawaja Ahmad Tariq Rahim (Old Boy, Politician) viewing displayed achievements of former Principal S.S. Khan.



H.E. Syed Babar Ali (senior most Old Boy, Member of Board of Governor) graced the event with his presence.



The College staff, students & the Principal welcomed the Chief Guest (H.E. Governor of Punjab) Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman.



The College Principal Mr. Thomson paid tribute to former Principal Mr. Shamim Saifullah Khan.



7th Annual Walter A. Robinson Cross Country Race 2022

The 7th Annual Walter Robinson Cross Country Race was held on Friday, 21st October, 2022. The current College boys lined the course and cheered on competitors, old and young. Moazam Hayat bagged 1st position in U-35 category, followed by Hashim Khan (2nd) and Umair Qazi (3rd). In the 35-45 group, Shahrez Khan finished first, followed by Usman Tanveer (2nd) and Mohammad Ahmad Laghari (3rd). In the 45-55 group, Asif Bashir dug our first position, closely followed by Sardar Tariq Ahmed and Akbar Zaman Khan. In the over 55 category we had Fareed ud Din Khan in first place, Nadeem Ahmed in second place, Nadeem Ahmed, and Haider Rasool Mali in third place.

Aitchison College boys' winner was Captain of Cricket Altamash Abbas, followed by Abuzar Suhaib and Ali Tanveer.



5th AC Junior National Tennis Championship 2022

The 5th Aitchison College Junior National Tennis Championship was held from 17th – 20th October, 2022. Most of the ranked tennis players participated from across the country.

Principal Aitchison College Mr. Michael Thomson closed the ceremony as chief guest. He along with PLTA Secretary Mr. Rashid Malik, distributed prizes and shields among the winners in the presence of players, their families and tennis enthusiasts. Rashid Malik thanked Mr. Thomson for the College's continuous support for the development of junior tennis.



Alumni College Tour Classes: 1981-1990



ACSEC V III Highlights

The seventh edition of the Aitchison College Science and Engineering Concept was conducted from the 21st to the 23rd of October 2022, hosting around 1100 delegates from all across Pakistan, both in person and online. Being one of the largest science olympiads in South-Asia, it included a plethora of diverse categories ranging from the practicalities involved in Bio Medicine and Engineering to a detailed analysis of the key concepts involved in Astronomy and Robotics. The three days of learning and innovation, coupled with interesting activities, was a great experience for all participants as it instilled a passion for science and technology in their minds.



The winning team "Lahore Grammar School Defence".



Standing from L to R: Mr. Usman H. Malik (Old Boy, AC 1994), Mr. Mahmud Y. Hiraj (Old Boy, AC 1994), Mr. Thomson (Principal).



The chief guest, Dr Ammar Sarwar, addressed the delegates.

Pre-1970 Leavers' Lunch, 2022

Another most awaited gathering was hosted at the Principal's House. The Old Aitchisonians from all over Pakistan along with their wives celebrated and had a wonderful time at the reunion that was held on Saturday, 26th November, 2022. Old Boys revived their associations, some dating back 70 years. The Principal welcomed guests and emphasized the importance of Aitchison developing as the one, true national school of Pakistan. He summarised new projects and visions for the further advancement of the College. Several Old Boys thanked the Principal for giving them the chance to appreciate the modern school, renew acquaintances and share their golden memories in such a beautiful setting. Among the other many dignitaries were Barrister Syed Nusrat Ali Shah, Syed Yawar Ali (Board of Directors Nestle), Muhammad Nawaz Tiwana (Former Chairman PIA/President PHF), Mr. Haroun Rashid (Chairman of MCB-Arif Habib Savings & Investments Ltd) shared their cherished time and experiences at the Aitchison College.



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:

ARCHIVE UPDATE-CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION

In Search of Captains of Cricket

Our beautiful Rab Pavilion and cricket archives can be enjoyed by Old Boys when they visit. Oddly, we are missing from our records the names of cricket captains for the following years: **1955, 1956, 1958, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965**

We would be grateful if contemporaries or those with information could shed light on these gaps. Aitchisonians are requested to help us track the names of the Cricket XI team Captains for the years mentioned above.

Kindly donate/share or give us copies of any archival material which has a relation to Aitchison College. This can be in the form of physical artifacts, photographs, records, manuscripts, medals, cups, trophies, letters, documents, or any audio/visual material. Security is assured. For submission of the articles/photographs or to arrange a meeting, please email us on the following email address: arcivist@aitchison.edu.pk

Old Boys are welcome to visit the Archive Display Centre which will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Please provide your name, year of graduation from College. You may register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DvGcZqel0Ga38MM8cyWecEs93sdKi1Yp2UJAY1dO-ps/edit> Alternatively, please email the information to alumni officer@aitchison.edu.pk

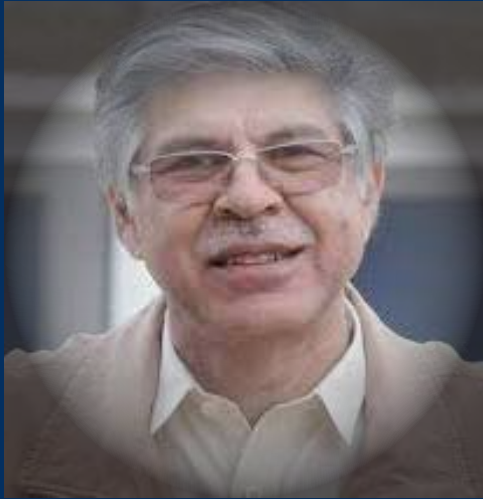
Please call on 111-363-063 (ext.427, 431) if you have any queries.

Aitchison's flock of Cranes is thriving.



What's New with You?

We invite you to share with us your achievements or any upcoming alumni events to be included in the next issue of the "Old Boys' Bulletin".



PASSING OF PRINCE MIANGUL ADNAN AURANGZEB

Old Aitchisonian and former MNA Prince Miangul Adnan Aurangzeb passed away on Monday May 30, 2022 from a road accident. He was born in 1961 and was the last (titular) Prince of the Swat Valley and an Old Boy, having attended our College from 1970-1974. He studied in the United States at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated with an engineering degree in electronics. He was elected to the National Assembly from Swat in the 1997.

Mr. Aurangzeb was renowned for his good manners, humble character and down-to-earth personality. Aitchison extends heartfelt condolences to his family. Mr. Aurangzeb was the grandson of former President of Pakistan, Field Marshal Mohammad Ayub Khan. May his soul rest in peace.



PASSING OF JAMIL (JIMMY) AHMAD

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Jamil Ahmad ('78). Jamil was well-known to Aitchison boys in his regular ACOBA fixtures. He was Pakistan's No.1 player in tennis from 1976 to 1982, while remarkably still a student at Aitchison. He was awarded a full College blazer in 1976, and awarded tennis colours for six years from as early as Prep school.

Jamil represented Pakistan at Wimbledon ('76 & '77) as well as playing in the Davis Cup. During his era, he won more than twenty National Championships (Men Singles, Junior Singles, Mens Doubles & Mixed Doubles). He was also the silver medallist at the ASIAN Games 1978. The Aitchison community mourns the loss of a much loved personality.



PASSING OF MR. SAJJAD RAFI

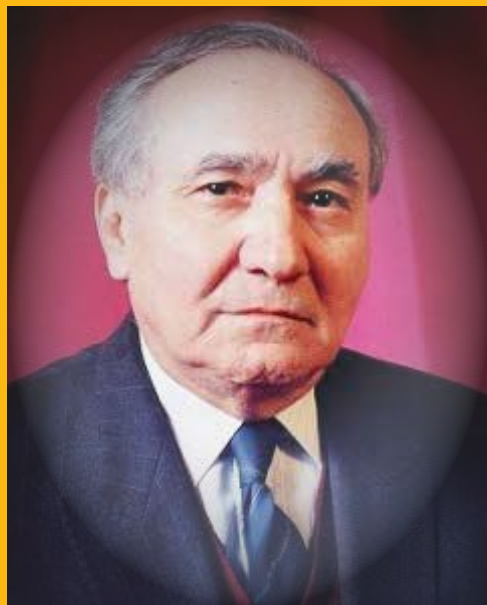
We are saddened to share the passing of an Old Aitchisonian Mr. Sajjad Rafi who passed away on Tuesday, 5th July 2022. Mr. Sajjad Rafi attended Aitchison College from 1951 to 1959. After Aitchison, he went to Wadham College, University of Oxford for Law, following which he did his bar-at-law from Middle Temple. He was the recipient of Malik Chiragh Khan Debating Cup for consecutive three years. He was known as an exuberant and humorous individual among his friends.

On behalf of the entire Aitchison family, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family.



PASSING OF MAJOR (R) ARSHAD ALI KHAN

Old boy and Major (R) Arshad Ali Khan passed away on Friday, 26th August, 2022. Late Arshad Ali Khan attended Aitchison College from 1959-1969. He was the house prefect for Kelly House and one of the most prominent students. He was a proud recipient of the Aitchison Challenge Cup, Athletics Colours, Farid Kot Challenge Cup, Dasaundha Challenge Cup, Chamba Challenge Cup and Anwar Saeed Sports Challenge Cup in 1969. After graduating from Aitchison, he got selected in the PMA 45th long course and took commission in the Pakistan Armed Forces in 1971 in the Armored Corps 22, Cavalry. He served in Punjnad Aviation, Evacuee Trust under NAB for the past few years. Our heartfelt condolences go forth to the family of the beloved departed soul. May Allah grant him among the highest place in Jannah.

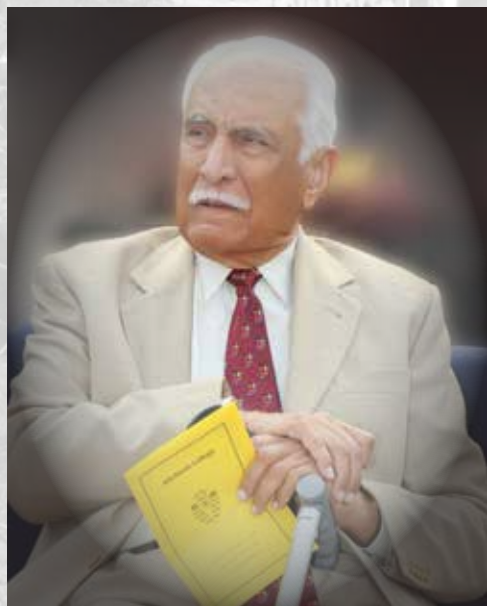


THE PASSING OF LEGENDARY PRINCIPAL SHAMIM SAIFULLAH KHAN

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of a beloved principal, Shamim Khan on Sunday, June 12, 2022. He served Aitchison from 1994 to 2008 and again from 2013 to 2014.

Mr. Shamim Saifullah Khan received his early education at Lawrence College, Ghora Gali, and subsequently joined Aitchison College as a student to complete his HSC. Despite the brevity of his stay, he became a Prefect, earned his tennis colours, and won the prestigious Jubilee Medal upon leaving in 1956. Mr. Shamim Khan gained a Tripos in Economics and Law from Cambridge, and later an Advanced Diploma in Education from the University of Hull. After a decade of teaching in his hometown, Peshawar, between 1961 and 1972, he returned to the U.K. where he worked until 1992, his last responsibility being as Senior Consultant to the Berkshire Education Authority.

Mr. Shamim Saifullah Khan has the distinction of being the first Old Aitchisonian to have become Principal of his alma mater and holds the privilege of having served the College for nearly fifteen years. He is responsible for orchestrating a critical remodeling of the college system regarding discipline, student affairs, and college operations—taking decisions that allowed the College to function in a manner that it could fulfill its inherent potential. After retiring in 2008, he served the college again between 2013 and 2014. His speeches, delivered at college assemblies and formal ceremonies, hold legendary status for those who were present during his time. Mr. Shamim Saifullah Khan often talked about honesty and integrity and instilled national integration and harmony amongst the diverse student body at Aitchison. He is remembered fondly by both faculty and students as a great disciplinarian who believed in leading by example. We offer our condolences to Shamim's family. May his soul rest in peace.



PASSING OF SYED MOHAMMAD MOHSIN

We are sad to announce the passing of an old Aitchisonian, Syed Mohammad Mohsin, former Chairman of Mitchell's Fruit Farms Ltd., on Tuesday, July 12th, 2022. He was a successful and enterprising business leader for over 60 years in the food and agriculture based industry. After joining Aitchison College in 1938, he grew to become a well-admired Godleyite and earned the Full College Blazer. The College boys always looked up to him as their idol. After completing his HSC in 1948, he received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Cambridge University, UK, in 1953. Concurrently, he appeared for CSS exams and stood first in Pakistan. He started his professional career with Pakistan Tobacco Company. Here is an excerpt from an interview with Syed Mohammad Mohsin's memories about Aitchison College, published in 2018.

"It is extremely important for a young boy to be inspired and stimulated. The education I received at Aitchison and the environment in which I lived, ignited in me

the ambition to compete, struggle and to do well in life. I joined Aitchison in 1938. The College had just emerged from its earlier period of being a place for children from privileged and aristocratic families. The aristocratic air had continued for a few years while I was at Aitchison, but as the atmosphere and the conditions in the Indian sub-continent changed, the British administration realized that Aitchison College also had to be part of the change. People from different backgrounds, families and circumstances were admitted into the College. The boys who joined had a stronger spirit of competition. They were much more industrious and their values were more progressive. This is what stimulated the spirit of competition." May his soul rest in eternal peace. Aameen.

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of the departed soul.



THE PASSING OF MIR BALAKH SHER MAZARI

This is with profound grief and sorrow that the College announces the passing of one of its veteran oldest Aitchisonians, a political stalwart, the 22nd Sardar and the 7th Mir of the Mazari tribe Mir Balakh Sher Khan Mazari who passed away on Friday, the 4th of November 2022 at the age of ninety-four. Mir Balakh Sher was admitted to Aitchison College in October 1939 and left in March 1946. During his time at the College, he passed the Matriculation Examination with 1st Division and won the Progress Prize in 1945. He was the recipient of the Literary Prize twice, in 1944 and 1946. Mir Balakh Sher was an outstanding all-round member of the College sports teams. The captaincy of the College Swimming and Riding teams, as well as his Colours in Hockey and Cricket earned him the prestigious Full College Sports Blazer in the summer of 1945. He was also a Kelly House Prefect. After graduating from Aitchison, Mir Balakh Sher took charge of his ancestral estate at Rojhan Mazari and discharged his duties as the Tumandar / Tribal Chieftain of the Mazari tribe. He ventured into politics at a very young age and was elected as Chairman of District

Council Dera Ghazi Khan in 1951. He became the youngest member of the Constituent Assembly in 1955 at the age of 27 and was also one of the signatories to our country's First Constitution of 1956. He also supported Begum Fatima Jinnah as her ally and polling agent during the 1964 election against General Ayub Khan. Later, he was also elected as Member of Punjab Assembly (MPA) in 1970. He was elected as Member of National Assembly (MNA) from his ancestral constituency on a number of occasions (1962, 1977, 1985, 1990 and 1993). He was also a member of President Zia ul Haq's Majlis-e-Shoora in 1982. At the pinnacle of his political career, he was chosen for the highest political office as interim / caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan in 1993. In 2018, despite having retired from active electoral politics, he again came into the political limelight as the Chairman of the South Punjab Provincial Movement. The College extends its condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Founders' Day

This year the Founders' Day events will be held from 10th to 12th March, 2023. The Academic Prize Distribution will be held on 11th March, while the Main Founders' Day (Sports) will be held on 12th March.

Process for getting invites:

Old Boys planning to attend the Main Founders' Day may fill out the registration form at <https://forms.gle/uuuKzgqyTfWV9ece9> by 6th March, 2023. The Alumni officer will dispatch invitation cards to registered alumni.

Note: Registrations must be received by 6th March, 2023.

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Alumni College Tours

OLD BOYS' TOURS AT AITCHISON COLLEGE OCTOBER- 2022 to MARCH- 2023

CLASSES	MONTHS
1991 - 2000	December
2001 - 2010	January
1971 - 1980	February
2011 - 2021	March

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

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY



Syed Babar Ali Library and Administration Block Relocation (Opening in Jan, 2023)

We thank Syed Babar Ali (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1943, Jinnah House) who added to a lifetime 'Giving Back' to uplift the New SBA Library and relocate the Administration Block.



SBA Library

We thank the Monnoo family who donated for Monnoo Squash Complex.
Tennis Squash Complex (Opening in Jan, 2023)



New Grounds at the Gurdwara Entrance (Completion in Jan, 2023)



The New Car Park Area (Completion in Jan, 2023)



Major Projects Calling for Donors

➤ Rugby Pavilion

➤ Riding Club Pavilion

➤ Multi-Purpose Gymnasium

Please contact the Principal's office for details.

ACOPA helps school to improve the College Medical Centre

We thank the Executive Committee of ACOPA for extending funds to add additional rooms to the College Medical Centre. This will add enhanced privacy and greater efficiency in operations and serve the school as well as the residential community.

Extension of Main Hospital (Completion in Feb, 2023)



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