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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.

ALUMNUS IN FOCUS

Salman Iqbal Butt



Salman Iqbal Butt, the esteemed coach of Olympic gold medalist Arshad Nadeem, has a rich sporting legacy, having studied at Aitchison College from 1966 to 1976. An exceptional athlete, Salman earned Athletics Colors in 1976 and the prestigious Aitchison Challenge Cup for his outstanding performances in shot put, discus throw, and javelin throw. He represented Pakistan at both the 4th (1989, Islamabad) and 5th (1991, Colombo) SAF Games, winning a Silver Medal in Discus Throw at the latter.

After graduating from Aitchison, Salman pursued business studies and physical education in the United States before starting his career in coaching. Under his expert guidance, Arshad Nadeem achieved unprecedented success, including an Olympic Gold Medal, a Commonwealth Games Gold Medal, a Silver Medal at the World Athletics Championships, a Gold Medal at the 2019 South Asian Games in Kathmandu, and multiple national records in Javelin Throw.

Salman Iqbal Butt's exceptional sportsmanship, leadership, and coaching have left a profound impact on Pakistan's athletic landscape. Aitchison College and the wider athletics community proudly celebrate his remarkable contributions and dedication to nurturing future champions.

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Arshad Nadeem (National Olympian), Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (FMR ACOPA President), Mr. Salman Iqbal Butt (Olympian Coach. AC'77), Dr. Syed Turab Hussain (Principal), along with College Faculty and ACOPA executive committee.

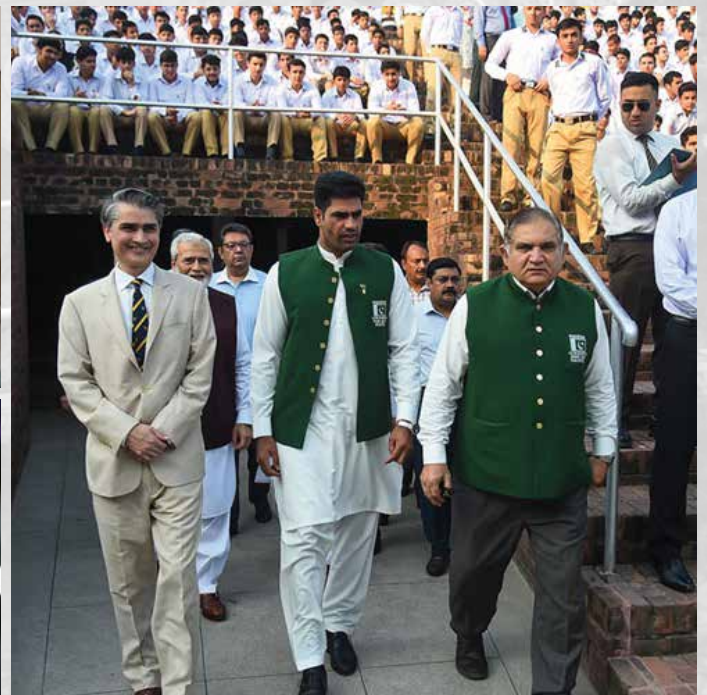
Aitchison Congratulates Arshad Nadeem National Olympian and his coach Salman Iqbal Butt (AC'77)

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Arshad Nadeem on his remarkable achievement as Pakistan's first Olympic Javelin Champion at the Paris Olympics 2024. Special recognition goes to his dedicated coach, Salman Iqbal Butt (AC' 1966-77), whose expert guidance and unwavering support played a pivotal role in shaping this champion. He has been coaching Arshad for the last four years, and his tireless efforts have been instrumental in Arshad's success.

In September 2024, Salman Iqbal Butt and Arshad Nadeem visited Aitchison College, where they were celebrated for their outstanding accomplishments, inspiring the next generation of athletes.



Arshad Nadeem's Winning Javelin Throw at the 2024 Olympics



Dr. Syed Muhammad Turab Hussain, (College Principal) welcoming Arshad Nadeem, (National Olympian) with Salman Iqbal Butt (Coach, AC'77).



Aitchison Inaugurates Monnoo Boarding House

Aitchison College inaugurated its new boarding facility Monnoo House on September 2, 2024. The house was gifted by alumnus Mr. Kamal Monnoo (Class of 1978) and features modern facilities to support the development of students. Mr. Monnoo expressed his gratitude to the college and hoped the house would contribute to its continued excellence. Principal Dr. S.M. Turab Hussain thanked Mr. Monnoo for his generosity, highlighting the house's role in enhancing student life. The ceremony, attended by faculty, students, alumni, and guests, marked a significant milestone in the college's 137-year history.



Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (FMR ACOPA President), Dr. S.M. Turab Hussain (Principal), Syed Hur Rihai Gardezi (FMR ACOPA President)



Principal welcomed Mr. Khawaja Ahmed Ahsan.



Aitchison Hosts Inter-Club Squash Fundraiser Championship

From August 9th to 11th, Aitchison College hosted the Inter-Club Squash Fundraiser Championship at the Monnoo Squash Complex. The event brought together eight squash clubs from Lahore, aiming to raise funds for underprivileged players and support their development in the sport. Desom Services Club claimed the championship title with a 3-1 win against the host team, Aitchison College, in the final match. Lahore Gymkhana secured third place with a consistent performance throughout the tournament. This initiative, organized by Aitchison College and led by student Sheheryar Akram, showcased the importance of supporting young talent and promoting inclusivity in squash.



Sakhi Ullah Khan Tareen receiving a medal from Dr. Syed Turab Hussain (Principal) along with Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (FMR ACOBA President) and Ms. Amina Kamran (HMSS).



Aitchison College National Junior Tennis Championship 2024

The 7th Aitchison College National Junior Tennis Championship 2024 was inaugurated on October 15th, bringing together talented young players from across the country. The event was graced by prominent guests, including Dr. S. M. Turab Hussain, Principal of Aitchison College; Mr. Umer Zaman Khan, Games Master and Head of Sports; and Mr. Rashid Malik, Senior Executive Vice President of the Punjab Lawn Tennis Association (PLTA), among other dignitaries. The Principal highlighted the significance of such grassroots events in nurturing young athletic talent. Mr. Sajjad Rasool officiated as the referee, while Mr. Faheem Siddiqui coordinated the event, ensuring its smooth execution and success.



Collaboration with British Council and College Staff Achievement

Congratulations to Ms. Sara Ahmer, Head of Art at Senior School, on being selected for the prestigious British Council Action Research Grants Programme. Her research on integrating Generative AI into adaptive lesson plans for VARK learners has the potential to transform education. During this collaboration, British Council representatives Ms. Amanda Ingram and Ms. Kanwal Shah visited Aitchison College. A contract was signed with the Principal, strengthening the partnership and promoting educational innovation.



ALUMNI STORIES

Arif Husain (AC' 86) Wins World Championship 100m Over-55 Category

The faculty and students of Aitchison College earnestly congratulate Mr. Arif Husain, (AC'86) , on his extraordinary achievements, becoming the World Champion in the 100-meter over-55 category and leading the USA's 4x400-meter relay team to an extraordinary victory.



Shahmir Aziz Rhodes Scholar and Aitchison High Achiever

Shahmir Aziz (AC' 21), Aitchison College's Deputy Headboy, is a Rhodes Scholar who has earned international recognition for his achievements. While an undergraduate researcher at Harvard, Shahmir made notable contributions to diabetes research and worked with Novo Nordisk on drug delivery optimization. He also led Harvard's International Relations Council, securing victories for its Model UN team. Shahmir plans to pursue a Master's in Bioengineering and a second degree in Diplomacy and Global Governance at Oxford. With a passion for advancing biotechnology in Pakistan, Shahmir aspires to foster innovation and promote startups in the field.

Aitchisonians Excel Globally

Aitchison College proudly congratulates Mohammad Mohad Zulfiqar, our distinguished alumnus (Class of 2019), on his remarkable achievement! He has become the first Aitchisonian to be accepted into Oxford University's prestigious Bachelor of Civil Laws (BCL) program 2024-2025 on a scholarship, specifically the Stephen Blyth Scholarship.

During his time at Aitchison, Mohad demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, holding numerous positions including Prefect, House Captain, Editor of "The Aitchisonian", and President of the Literary Society. He was also a recipient of the College Academic Blazer. Academically, he consistently excelled, ranking first and second across the school in his 'O' and 'A Levels'. His outstanding academic achievements earned him numerous awards and recognition. The Aitchison College community wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.





Aitchisonians Making a Mark in Pakistan U/19 Asia Cup

Usman Khan has been selected for the Pakistan U/19 Cricket Team for the Men's ACC U/19 Asia Cup, a proud achievement for our institution. Joining him are recent graduates, Faham Ul Haq and Tayyab Arif.

The Principal, faculty, and students extend their best wishes for their success in cricket.



Usman Khan

Aitchison Wins at Batumi's Cup of Experimental Sciences

The Cup of Experimental Sciences took place in Batumi, Georgia, from July 29th to August 2nd, 2024, where Aitchison College's Science Society represented Pakistan with distinction. The team, led by Wasil Bilal Fareed, secured gold medals in the final challenge. Wasil Bilal also earned an individual gold medal in the History and Culture category for his remarkable achievement. Team members Rohail Jamali (Captain), Hamza Zulfiqar, Naad-e-Ali, Shaheer Faisal, Waleed Ahmed Yousaf, and Hassan Ahmed Qureshi demonstrated exceptional teamwork and skill. Aitchison was also named Runners-Up for Best Delegation, further highlighting their outstanding performance.



A Group Photo of Team Aitchison and Sir Iqbal Haider, (Head of Co-curricular) with their Trophy.



Al-Salam Youth Film Festival Baku

Aitchison registered a few boys for the Al-Salam Youth Film Festival, an international film-making event being held in Baku, Azerbaijan through the organisation Little Art. A total of 4 boys were to be selected from Pakistan. We are proud to say that Ahmed Sheikh has been selected from Aitchison. Ahmed Sheikh has worked in the Art and Media society with dedicated passion. The Little Art organisation was impressed with his continued dedication and knowledge of media studies. We applaud their unwavering commitment to excellence.

Ahmed Sheikh

AC Young Rider Secures Silver in National Tent Pegging Tournament

It is with great pride that we announce Chaudhry Ibrahim Tahir Farooq (HIF-Balochistan House) earned 2nd place out of 128 contestants in the individual category of the Tent Pegging Tournament, held at Army Burn Hall College, Abbottabad, from June 8th to 9th, 2024. The highly competitive event featured three categories: Individual, Pair, and Section Tent Pegging. Ibrahim's impressive performance earned him a silver medal and a cash prize, bringing honor to Aitchison College. A total of five riders from the college participated, showcasing determination, skill, and sportsmanship alongside competitors from across Pakistan. We congratulate Ibrahim and all our riders, wishing them continued success in future tent pegging endeavors.



Standing L to R: M.Shafi Javed (AC, C2), Ayyan Waqar (AC, H2), Ibrahim Tahir Farooq (AC, H2), Hassan Jamal (AC, C2), Syed Qalb-e-Abbas Kazmi (AC, H1)



Ch-Ibrahim Tahir Farooq (AC, 2024) while receiving the silver medal.



The Aitchisonians Group Photo along with M. Qasim Nawaz Gondal (Director of Army Burn Hall Institutions), Ch. Shahar Ali (Riding Co-ordinator), Col. Dr. Syed Jamal Shah (FMR Principal of Burn Hall Academy)

AC Talent Shines in Pakistan's U/21 Tent Pegging Team

Aitchison College announces that Muhammad Ishaq Khan, Hamza Tariq Saadat, Hassaan Jamal, and Yousaf Khan have earned spots on Pakistan's U/21 Tent Pegging Team after excelling in trials held on May 30th and 31st, 2024. Competing against 90 participants nationwide, their dedication and skill have brought pride to the college. Congratulations to the selected students—your achievement is truly inspiring!



Hamza Tariq with Brig. Ishaq (FMR Vice President EFP)

A Guest Speaker Session

A guest speaker session was held with Barrister Muhammad Ahmed Pansota, in the Syed Babar Ali Library Media Hall on September 20th, 2024. The session was attended by fifty boys: boarders and day-boys. Barrister Pansota nostalgically recalled his school days at Aitchison, and how he transitioned from Aitchison into the legal world. He provided the boys with invaluable advice regarding their future in the world of law, and what he believed was the best way to operate in the field as a student and a practitioner. Mr Pansota provided the boys with references to his past cases while explaining different issues afflicting the Legal System of Pakistan. This enlightening session was followed by an assortment of questions from the boys. Mr. Pansota responded with the most logical answers. This session was a testament to the interest of the student body in the field of law, as well as a testament to the capabilities of the Aitchison College Law Society in terms of hosting such useful activities.



Aitchison Early Admissions (2024-25)

We are thrilled to announce that nine of our students have secured early acceptances at top US universities, including four Ivy League schools. This incredible achievement reflects their hard work, talent, and the unwavering support of their families and the college community. Not only is this great credit to the boys themselves but to our Headmistress Ms. Amina Kamran, teaching staff and Guidance Counselor Ms. Sarah Malik. We celebrate this milestone with our students and their families and look forward to continued success in the Regular Decision round.



Bottom Row (L-R): Ms. Hadia Mahmood Tariq, Ms. Sahar Saleemi, Ms. Amina Kamran, Dr. S. M. Turab Hussain, Ms. Sarah Malik, Ms. Tosheeba Sarwar Top Row (L-R): Shafey Sharif (NYU Shanghai), Waleed Khan (Northwestern), M. Zohayr Samie (UChicago), Mian M. K. Rehman (Harvard), Ayaan Waqar (Harvard), Schahmyr Siddiqui (Cornell), M. Muaaz Humayun (UPenn), Mubeen I. Chaudhary (Dartmouth) Not Pictured: Syed Zahir Hussain (UVA)

Aitchisonians Receive Cambridge Best Learner Award

Dr. Syed Turab Hussain, College Principal, congratulates Aitchisonians on their outstanding Cambridge Best Learner Awards 2024, acknowledging the invaluable contributions of Ms. Amna Kamran and the College Faculty.



Sitting (L to R): Sami Ahmed, Waleed Ahmed Yousaf, Mujtaba Hamid, Dr. S.M. Turab Hussain (Principal), Ms. Amina Kamran (Headmistress Senior School), Ayan Bin Rafaih, Ryeid Hanif, Standing (L to R): Mohammad Ahmad Subhani, Muhammad Rayyan Amir, Ayaan Hussain Eliya, Amr Bin Nazir, Muhammad Jahanzeb Salman,



Camping at Latobo Base Camp



Dinning at Mess Tent



Group ready to start trek at Chilam Chowki in Astore valley



The Trekkers of 2024 at Skardu Airport



Trekkers before departure at the College Old Building



Trekkers having fun with mini snowman

Trekking to New Heights (June 19-28, 2024)

"If happiness is the goal and it should be, then adventures should be top priority"

A group of eighteen students and two staff members embarked on an unforgettable journey to the Northern Areas of Pakistan. The adventure began on June 19, 2024, from Naran, crossing Babusar Pass (13,489 ft) to Gorikot (9,200 ft). The group trekked to Herrligkoffer Base Camp (10,500 ft), Latobo Base Camp (11,300 ft), and Latobo Lake (12,000 ft), taking in the breathtaking views of Nanga Parbat (26,657 ft). They crossed Burzil Pass (13,808 ft) to Minimarg and Domail (Rainbow Lake), enjoying snow and scenic surroundings. The party traveled to Skardu (7,500 ft) over Deosai Plains (13,500 ft), stopping at Sheosar Lake (13,600 ft) and Satpara Village. The trip concluded with shopping and birthday celebrations in Skardu.



Trekking to Latobo Base Camp from Herrligkoffer



Visited the Rock Engraved with the Name Of the Famous Mountaineers who died during expedition



Cricket match at Latobo Basecamp



Famous singer of GB Manzoor Balti singing at Rama



The group resting on the way to Herrligkoffer base camp



Trek towards Brazil pass at the 13,808 ft above sea level



Trekkers during camp fire at Trashing Village



Trekking on Herrligkoffer Base Camp

Japanese Ambassador Visits Aitchison College



On September 23, 2024, Aitchison College had the honor of hosting Mr. Wada Mitsuhiro, the Japanese Ambassador, who was warmly welcomed by the Principal, Senior Staff, College Prefects, and distinguished Old Boys, Muhammad Mohsin Leghari (Former Minister of Irrigation) and Mr. Aamir H. Shirazi (CEO of Atlas Group). The esteemed visitors were guided through the campus, where they admired the college's facilities, its scenic beauty.



Australian Cricket Coach Visiting College



L to R: Usman Sohail (Old Boy), Dr. Sohail Saleem (Ex Director of Medical & Sports Sciences PCB), Mr. Umar Zaman (Games Master), Mr. Shannon Young (Level-3 High Performance Cricket Australia Accredited Coach), with Mr. Raza Saeed (Member of Hazlitt Club)

Mr. Ian Murphy Visits Aitchison College

On September 30, 2024, Mr. Ian Murphy, a computer science and automobile industry expert, visited Aitchison College with government officials. During the visit, he discussed the importance of cybersecurity with students and faculty. The delegation praised the college's rich history and modern facilities, highlighting the need for collaboration between schools and industry experts to create a safer digital world.



Alumni College Tour Classes 1981-1990



Alumni College Tour Classes 1991-2000



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:

- Academic and Sports Scholarships
- Multi-Purpose Gymnasium
- Staff Housing Project
- Cafeteria Extensions Senior and Prep School

Please contact the Principal's office for details.

Syed Babar Ali's Meeting with Aitchison College Faculty

The teachers of Aitchison College had the honor and privilege of meeting Syed Babar Ali, the senior-most Old Boy (AC' 43) and the founder of several notable organizations. Syed Babar Ali is a business leader and philanthropist, who has contributed greatly in the field of education in Pakistan. He is the founder of Packages Ltd. and numerous successful businesses. He has also served as the caretaker Finance Minister of Pakistan and is the most senior member of the Board of Governors at Aitchison College. Additionally, he played a key role in the establishment of educational institutions such as the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).

During the meeting with teachers, Syed Babar Ali shared his vision and ideas on learning and teaching, emphasizing the transformative power of education in character building. He also underscored the critical role a teacher plays in shaping the life and personality of a student and the responsibility that comes with that privileged position. His insights provided valuable guidance and inspiration for the teachers at Aitchison College.



High Achievers' Tea Party



HMSS with the prefects and their parents



Principal while addressing the gathering



OLD BOYS GIVING BACK

We are delighted to share that our donation drive for the Faculty Housing project at Aitchison College has been successfully launched. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed to this project.

The generous support from our donors is instrumental in encouraging other Old Boys and friends of Aitchison to contribute towards building faculty residences. Donations are still welcome and greatly appreciated. We trust that future generations of Aitchisonians will continue to honor the legacy and values instilled by their school.

Faculty Apartment Donors

We express our sincere gratitude to the following individuals for their generous contributions towards the construction of the first and second block of faculty apartments at Aitchison:

- Syed Babar Ali (AC '43): For donating funds for the first block, which will be named in memory of his father, Syed Maratib Ali.
- Mr. Fawad Ahmad Mukhtar (AC '82): For his generosity towards the second block, which will be named in memory of his father, Mian Mukhtar Ahmed Sheikh.

We also thank the following donors for their generous support:

- Mr. Munir Ahmad Khan (AC' 70)
- Mr. M. Abubakr Khan (AC' 11)
- Mr. Majid Abdullah (AC' 90)
- Mr. Sajid Abdullah (AC' 90)
- Mr. Ather ur Rehman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni College Tours

CLASSES	MONTHS
2001 – 2010	Saturday, 25 th January 2025
Pre -1970 Leavers' Lunch	Saturday, 08 th February 2025
Alumni Reunion and Tour (Classes 1971-1980)	Saturday, 15 th February 2025
2011 – 2024	Saturday, 19 th April 2025

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

Walter A. Robinson Challenge Cup for Cross Country Race 2025

Cross Country Race of Present & Old Boys (Walter A. Robinson Challenge Cup for Cross Country Race) will be held on Sunday, 19th January, 2025 at 8:30 am.

Event Registration: Old boys planning to participate in the race may fill out the registration form

Link: <https://forms.gle/rYq1HM2BWp8NBSLK6> by Monday, 13th January, 2025.

Founders' Day 2025

This year the 139th Founders' Day events will be held from 21st to 26th Feb, 2025. The Academic Prize Distribution will be held on 26th February, while the Main Founders' Day (Sports) will be held on 23th February, 2025. Old Boys planning to attend the Main Founders' Day may fill out the registration form at by 17th Feb, 2025. Note: Registrations must be received by 15th Feb, 2025.

Link: <https://forms.gle/QbsnYAitAzWpDAkV9> **Email:** alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk **Tel:** 042-111 363 063 Ext. 427

Pre-1970 Leavers' Lunch 2025

The College is organizing a special lunch for its most senior alumni on Saturday, 8th February, 2025. We encourage you to take this great opportunity to revive your precious memories and meet up with friends.

Further details including registration process will be shared closer to the event and will be available on the College website www.aitchison.edu.pk And the Alumni officer Facebook page www.facebook.com/aitchisonalumni

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".

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



We thank Mr. Umar Mahmood Sheikh (AC'91, Hali House) for donating New Umar M. Sheikh Riding Pavilion.(Completed in August 2024).



Upgraded Bahawalpur House Common Room (Completion in March 2025).

Golden Donors

- Syed Babar Ali (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1943, Jubilee House) Library, Administration Relocation and Syed Maratib Ali Housing Block (added to a lifetime of 'Giving Back')
- Mr. Sair Ali (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1997, Alamgir House) for New Diving Pool Centre
- Mr. Adil K. Sattar (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1992, Godley House) for K&N's (Senior) Boarding House
- Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shirazi (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1979, Godley House) for Shirazi (Senior) Boarding House
- Mr. Kamal Monnoo (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1978 Godley House) for Monnoo (Prep) Boarding House
- Mr. Muhammad Siddique Javed Bhatti (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1998, Goldstien House) for AJ Innovation Centre and Courtyard
- Mr. Fawad Ahmed Mukhtar, (AC'82, Godley House, CEO of Fatima Group) for Mian Mukhtar Ahmed Sheikh Housing Block

Monnoo Squash Complex upgrade

- Mr. Jehangir A. Monnoo (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1968, Kelly House)
- Mr. Danish K. Monnoo (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1984, Hali House)
- Mr. Shahbaz A. Monnoo (Old Boy, Leaving Year 1990, Jubilee House)
- Mr. M. Bilal D. Monnoo (Old Boy, Leaving Year 2012, Hali House)
- Mr. Sheraz J. Monnoo

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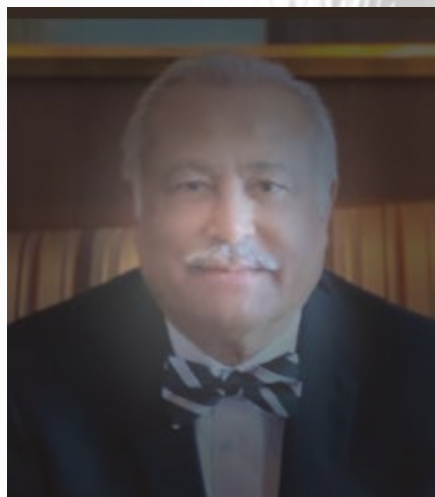
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OBITUARIES

PASSING OF LATE SYED MAHBOOB HASAN (AC '67)



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Syed Mahboob Hasan (Jubilee House, 1967 'A' Level batch) on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. A distinguished alumnus and renowned athlete, Mahboob left an enduring legacy in Aitchison College's athletic history. He set the 200 meters record with a timing of 22.3 seconds in 1967, a feat that still stands today after 57 years. Additionally, he held three other sprinting records in the Annual Athletics Championship (1967) and established the long jump record in the fixture against Lawrence College Ghora Gali. Beyond his athletic prowess, Mahboob was an accomplished professional. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and had a distinguished career in banking, working on various international assignments. He later settled in California, USA. Mahboob's kindness and achievements will be deeply missed by the Aitchison College community. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

ARCHIVE UPDATE-CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION

Request for LG House Archival Material (1981-2000)

As part of our efforts to update and preserve our archival records, we are seeking photographs and other materials related to LG House from the years 1981 to 2000. We would greatly appreciate any contributions that highlight the House's activities, events, and achievements during this period. Your contributions will be valued and preserved for future generations.

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/1DvGcZqeI0Ga38MM8cyWecEs93sdKi1Yp2UJAY1dO-ps/edit> Alternatively, please email the information to alumni officer@aitchison.edu.pk

Please call on 042-111-363-063 (ext.427, 431) if you have any queries.

Submissions: If you would like to submit an obituary, please send it by email to alumni officer@aitchison.edu.pk. You may also send in a print copy to: Alumni Office, Aitchison College, Shahrah-e-Quaid-Azam, Lahore 54000 Pakistan.

ACOPA UPDATES

ACOPA ANNUAL DINNER

ACOPA Annual Dinner was held on 09-March, 2024 in front of the majestic Gore Block, Junior School. Over 700 Old Boys and families enjoyed the festivities and the wonderful dinner arrangement. ACOPA generated contributions from National Defence Hospital (Mr. Rizwan Aftab), Al-Qasim Gas (Mr. Usman Khan), Hunza Group (Mr. Faizan Ch.) and PEPSICO Rs. 0.5 Million (Mr. Saad Khan, Mr. Mohammad Khosa). Efforts of Committee Members Mian Khalid Misbah, Mr., Ahsan Mannan and Old Boy Mr. Usman Khan were key in raising funds for the events. Services of Dewan-e-Khas (Old Boy Mr. Faisal Waheed Sheikh) were also very important in making the event to be successful and memorable.

Gore Block magically lit up the evening skies! Senior College staff including the then Principal Mr. Michael Thomson graced the occasion along with Mr. Khalid Noon (Bursar), Mrs. Amina Kamran (Headmistress Senior School), Mrs. Fatima Mobeen (Headmistress Junior School), Mr. Shahid Mahmood and other prominent Aitchisonians. Mr. Usman Haq (President ACOPA) and Mr. Omer Qureshi (General Secretary ACOPA) presented a summary of the past year and highlighted ACOPA's achievements during the period. A major milestone achieved by ACOPA was the tremendous increase in membership which crossed 4300 strong! The dinner was a most sumptuous affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was followed up by a musical extravaganza by the talented and versatile Ali Zafar who gave his heart out on the stage. We thank our dear Bhatti Sb. for his excellent event photography.



ACOPA FUTSAL TOURNAMENT – 2024

ACOPA organized an incredible Futsal Tournament 2024 at Aitchison College on 13-14 September, 2024 at the Barry Block Grounds. Fierce competition and truly inspiring sportsmanship were witnessed over the two-day event. Players displayed great skills with three teams each participating from the College and ACOPA in the 7-a-side Football Tournament. ACOPA team led by erstwhile Old Boy Mr. Unser Zaman took the win after an intense penalty shoot-out. A huge number of Old Boys and current students enjoyed the spectacular event.



ACOPA BIG BATCH CRICKET LEAGUE – 2023/24

ACOPA Big Batch Cricket League came back for yet another season with the final played on 07-January, 2024 after three weekends of intense cricketing activity participated by over 16 teams from 1988 all the way to the current AC team. In the Juniors category (post 2000's), current Aitchison College team avenged its defeat from last tournament and emerged as the victors. Team Captain and Head Coach M. Riaz received the winners trophy. Quaid Khan from the class of 2009 and runners-up team won the player of the tournament for both batting (three 50's) and bowling (9 wickets). In the Seniors category, Lions 1996 lifted the trophy yet again overcoming stiff competition from Mavericks 1997 led by Mr. Farrukh Hanif. From Lions 96 Mr. Babar Zaman and Mr. Omer Taj led the strong Lions 96 batting line up which resulted in their gold medal winning chase and performance. Committee Members Mr. Junaid Khawaja and Mr. Amir Jahangir received the trophy on behalf of the Lions 96. Esteemed Old Boy and Former Captain Cricket Aitchison, Sardar Ahmad Nawaz Sukhera graced the occasion as Chief Guest. ACOPA is indebted to Aitchison College for graciously allowing use of its wonderful facilities for the old boys Cricket tournament which attracted over 250 players.



ACOPA SOUTHERN CHAPTER WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

ACOPA Southern Chapter organized a get together of Old Boys and ACOPA Members to welcome new Principal Dr. Syed Turab Hussain who presented his vision for the College in upcoming years. Over 70 Old Boys attended the dinner including Mr. Javed Hassan, Mr. Masood Tyabji, Amir Javed, Saif Ashfaq, Haroon Zehri, Abid Ibrahim, Salman Shah Gilani, Khurram Iqbal, Abdul Muqeet Pirzada, Hasham Sheikh, Hamza Bin Tariq, Yawar Badat, Adil Ahmad, Mahmood Jamot, Rizwan Masood, Ali Zaman Gardezi, Mazhar ud Din, Habibullah Chandio, Faisal Dawood, Abdul Qudoos Dahri, Ahsam Soomro, Rakhman Gul, Khurram Imam, Iftikhar Hussain, Zaheet Khanji, Shoaib Zaidi, Tariq Yar Khan, Shamoos Ch., Muhammad Ali, Mujeeb Qamar, Amir Jamali, Jam Tariq Ali, Ayaz Mahmood, Ali Akram Sultan, Dr. Yusuf Kamal, Dr. Shahid Javed, Majid Aziz, Abdul Rahim Butt, Taimur Shafique Hussain, Fouad Farrukh, Nabeel Anjum, Tariq Jamali, Zarrar Jamali, Mutaba Jamali, Jawed Dero and M. Ali Habib. The participants welcomed the new Principal and applauded his vision of strengthening academics and focusing on teacher development as well as initiating an endowment trust fund for academic scholarships.



ACOPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) – 2024

The Annual General Meeting of ACOPA was held on Friday, 22-November, 2024 at the Old Building Hall, Aitchison College, Lahore. Worthy seniors and a strong gathering of over 250 Old Boys attended the important meeting. Annual Report was shared by General Secretary Mr. Omer Qureshi which included an overview of the past year's activities and programs conducted by ACOPA. Annual Audited Accounts were presented by Treasurer Mr. Jalal Ahsan including the savings generated by ACOPA that will be donated to the College in line with past successful practice. Mr. Shahzad Sultan, Vice-President gave a speech on behalf of the President Mr. Usman Haq highlighting the importance of ACOPA in supporting positive steps in making Aitchison a hallmark of success in Pakistan and a name to be reckoned with internationally. He shared ACOPA's efforts had resulted in the College Hospital being renovated and extended, Rifle Shooting being back as a sport, Electronic Scoreboard at the MCG among other initiatives. ACOPA welcomed the Principal Aitchison College, Dr. Syed Turab Hussain who encouraged the Old Boys to support the new initiatives taken by the school in adding more accommodation for teaching staff as a necessary support to further improve academics. He also welcomed support by Old Boys and ACOPA in other school initiatives especially the proposed endowment fund to provide scholarships to underprivileged Students. Esteemed Old Boy Mr. Nawaz Tiwana also addressed the gathering inviting Old Boys to unite under the banner of ACOPA to foster stronger alumni ties. At the end of the AGM, Old Boys gathered over snacks and tea on the majestic corridors of the Old Building.



ACOPA KARAOKE NIGHT

ACOPA organized Karaoke Night at Aitchison College which was a resounding success. Alumni, families and children created a lively and inclusive atmosphere, filled with music, laughter, and memorable performances. Attendees showcased their vocal talents, singing popular hits and nostalgic classics, which kept the energy high throughout the night. With exceptional attendance and positive feedback from participants, the Karaoke Night not only strengthened the bond among the Aitchison community but also provided a valuable opportunity for Old Boys to reconnect, fostering lasting ties. ACOPA extends its thanks to Old Boys comprising of Khawaja Imran Zubair, Mr. Wajid Aziz Khan, Mr. Amir Jahangir, Mr. Usman Khan, Mr. Waseem Hassan, Mian Qasim Misbah, Syed Sauran Shah, Mr. Amir Javed Ali for their tireless efforts in making the event a great success. ACOPA also thanks the President ACOPA Mr. Usman Haq and the ACOPA event management committee for footing all expenses occurred on this occasion.



FIRST EVER ACOBA & OGS FESTIVAL CRICKET MATCH

ACoba and Aitchison College welcomes OGS (Old Grammarians' Society) from Karachi Grammar School for the first ever ACoba-OGS Cricket Festival. On a beautiful sunny day on Sunday, 28-April, 2024, both alumni teams gathered at the ACoba Cricket Ground for a competitive friendly game. After a thrilling contest, OGS won the match. Souvenir caps were presented by OGS and President ACoba along with Headmistress Senior School Ms. Amina Kamran. Guests from both alumni associations enjoyed the food stalls and other events like badminton and tug-of-war. OGS executive committee invited ACoba to visit KGS so they may host the next round to continue with this wonderful tradition. Donations announced during the course of the match on boundaries, sixes and outs were presented to Aitchison College to support the free campus schools.



ACoba MEMBERS DONATE FOR SCOTTISH JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Aitchison College Old Boys Association (ACoba) has generously sponsored two deserving students from Aitchison College to participate in the prestigious JC Lindsay Scottish Junior Open Squash Championship in December 2024. President ACoba, Mr. Usman Haq, spearheaded the initiative, demonstrating exceptional leadership and commitment to nurturing young talent. He was joined by fellow Old Boys, including Mr. Khurram Kazi (USA), Mr. Asif Fahim Malik, Mr. Usman Khan, Dr. Bilal Ahmad (USA), Syed Muaz Mohiuddin, Mr. Asif Amin Sheikh, Mr. Waseem Hassan, Mr. Asad Aziz (USA), and Mr. Rustom Boga, who collectively donated Rs. 1.6 Million. The cheque was formally presented to Principal Dr. Syed Turab Hussain by President ACoba, Mr. Usman Haq, and General Secretary, Mr. Omer Qureshi.





Principal's letter



Dear Alumni,

I am writing to seek your help and support for a faculty apartment project that is an integral part of a broader faculty development program at Aitchison College. As you would agree, the quality of an educational institution is inextricably linked to the quality of its faculty. We have all had the good fortune of being taught and mentored by some of the most inspiring and gifted teachers at Aitchison. It was not the buildings or the classrooms but these dedicated educationists who helped shape and mold us into what we are today.

As an old boy and a teacher, I now have the privilege and honor to serve our alma mater and my foremost priority is to further improve the standard of teaching and learning at Aitchison. That can only be done through the hiring and retention of high quality teachers who understand and imbibe the ethos of Aitchison - education that goes beyond the classroom and focuses on character building. Fundamental to the strategy of hiring and retaining good quality teachers is to offer them competitive remunerations, career progression, professional development and security of contract. Also, the

availability of on campus subsidized housing in a beautiful 200-acre campus in the heart of the city is a major attraction for teachers in these times of high rentals, security concerns and increasing transportation costs. Moreover, there are multiple benefits to the College from having majority of the teaching staff resident on campus. It will create the space and time for greater, more meaningful interaction between teachers and students, particularly the boarders, and deepen the involvement of teachers in school activities outside the classroom.

At the moment out of a total of 265 teachers at Aitchison only 62 are resident on campus. Most of the existing faculty houses have no historic significance, are in a dilapidated condition and occupy large plots of land. The College requires multiple faculty apartment blocks so that at least 70% of its teachers reside on campus. A master plan for faculty apartments has been made by the College architect and we would soon begin construction of the first block. The apartment blocks will be located in residual areas that are not under any use currently and are at the College boundary. This will eventually free up substantial space where the existing faculty houses are located. These spaces will be converted into fields and play grounds for our students.

My request to you is to generously contribute towards building faculty apartments for our teachers. This brick and mortar investment is critical in our strategy to attract and keep the best teachers at Aitchison. Your contribution, irrespective of its size, will be duly recognized and acknowledged and shall go a long way in improving the quality of education at Aitchison. Those who would like to contribute please get in touch with me at principal@aitchison.edu.pk or Mr. Khalid Noon at bursar@aitchison.edu.pk.

Sincerely,

Dr. S. M. Turab Hussain
Principal