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Soon after the decision of establishing MCM by COAS, the developmental work

started at fast pace. Most of the existing barracks of Upper Topa were constructed

from 1913 to 1925; however, time could not batter the main structures. A century old

craftsmanship was evident in the buildings while making necessary changes. Some

of the old buildings were refurbished whereas others were razed to ground to erect

new façade. Initially, classrooms, laboratories, a small library, a Mess, two Houses

(Karnal Sher Khan House & Lalak Jan House), Amenity Block and College Hospital were established. A comprehensive Master Plan was then prepared by a renowned

architectural firm, Ahmad Zaka & Associates and approved by the COAS. It

envisaged the developmental work of the campus in five phases and planned state-

of-the-art facilities at the campus. Soon after the approval of Master Plan, the entire

Now, Alhamdolillah, every envisioned infrastructure, less officers' accommodation.

area of the campus was divided into six zones and construction work started.

new library and Exam Hall, is complete and functional.

Master Plan

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Change of Command



Brigadier Shiraz Ullah Choudhary, SI (M), bid farewell to his command on 15 July 2013. The new Commandant, Brigadier Abdul Hayee, SI (M), assumed the command on 6 September 2013. Ex Commandant was formally bid farewell in a day-long activity, in which, on his arrival, cadets of MCM welcomed him with flags in their hands from the Officers' Mess to office area. Change of Command ceremony was held in front of the Commandant's office. Later, a lunch with cadets was arranged in Mess 'C' where Brigadier Shiraz Ullah Choudhary, SI (M), addressed the cadets and wished them the best of luck for their future prospects.





New Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor

Colonel Azhar Iqbal Ch joined Military College Murree on 9 October 2013 and assumed the appointment of Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor.



Arrival of New Entry

Second entry of Class VIII, comprising 90 cadets joined MCM on 27 April 2013. Cadets had gone through a written test, medical examination, and interview before being selected for MCM. Over three thousand applicants appeared in the Entrance Examination, conducted all over the country, out of which 90 met the desired merit of the college.



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Parents' Day

Parents' Day is always a mega event of MCM. It gives an opportunity to the parents to see their wards climbing the ladder of their personality growth. Fifth Parents' Day of MCM, for the year 2013, was held on 7 November 2013. All the cadets prepared for Drill, Gymnastics, Karate, and PT, for over two months. Their efforts remained commendable throughout the rehearsals. Chief Guest of the ceremony was General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani NI (M), HI, Chief of the Army Staff. Unfortunately, scheduled outdoor programme could not be presented due to inclement weather. An indoor programme was conducted, instead, that comprised Qira'at, College Tarana, Karate, College Annual Report. It was followed by Prize Distribution to individual high achievers and trophies to houses. Lalak Jan House earned the Champion House Trophy. In the end, Chief Guest addressed the audience and highlighted the role and importance of military colleges and appreciated the progress made by MCM in all spheres. College Tarana, written by Major Ubaid Ullah 'Khawar' Niazi, was presented for the first time, on the tunes of the band.





Inauguration of Kayani Auditorium

On the eve of Parents' Day, General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani NI (M), HI, Chief of the Army Staff, inaugurated the newly constructed College Auditorium. It was named after General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani as 'Kayani Auditorium' in recognition to is unstinted and all out support in establishing the college and making it functional in short span of time. Kayani Auditorium is not only one of the largest halls in Army but is also matchless in its beauty and interior. College owes General Kayani a great deal for this addition to the College.



Selection at ISSB

Military College Murree works as a feeder institution for Pakistan Military Academy. College has an excellent selection rate at Inter Services Selection Board. Our cadets keep performing exceptionally well in the selection process. Our selection rate remained at around 70%. It is indeed a matter of immense pleasure that for the first time our five cadets got selected in Army Medical College, as well.

Cadets' Visit to Sri Lanka

MCM sends two of its best cadets every year to Sri Lanka to participate in Herman Louis and Dezoisa Competition. The competition consists of Assault Course and physical endurance. Previous year, Cadets Mustafa Sajid and Saqib Iqbal participated in the event and were declared winners of the Assault Course. This year, House Prefect Fahad Munir (Lalik Jan House) and House Prefect Suhail Zia (Mehfooz House) represented College in the competition from 10 to 23 October 2013. But due to paucity of time the competition was not held and remained ceremonial in nature.

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Send Off to 2nd Year Class

To bid farewell to the outgoing XII Class, a farewell drama show was organized on 3 July 2013 by the Drama Club. The drama show comprised English Play 'The Pie and The Tart', a few hilarious Urdu skits, revolving around life at MCM, and some beautiful songs by our cadets. In the end, Commandant Military College Murree presented college memento and college track suit to all the cadets of the entry. Earlier, the cadets were dined out in the Messes.





Results

Military College Murree is imparting quality education to the wards of army personnel and civilians. College, though, just five years old is producing commendable board results in Class XII, XI, X, and IX. The College produced overall second-best result in Matric in the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Rawalpindi in year 2013. The summary of results is:

Results for 2013

CLASS/GRADES	A+	Α	В	С
IX	70	13	3	1
X	88	17	-	-
XI	16	36	20	13
XII	24	55	14	1

Competitions

Debate/Declamation Contest

Inter-House Debate and Declamation competition was held to equip the cadets with the skills of putting across their views and arguments convincingly. Cadets are judged for their confidence, accent, pronunciation and speaking skills. SLS Shujjah Durrani of Lalik Jan House stood first in English Declamation (Serious), Cadet Ali Ateeb of Aziz Bhatti House stood first in English Declamation (Humorous), while HP Lalak Jan House Fahad Munir grabbed first position in English Debate.

Cadet Abdul Ghaffar of Sher Khan House stood first in Urdu Declamation (Serious), Cadet Ali Hamza of Sher Khan House stood first in Urdu Declamation (Humorous), while Cadet Sadaqat Ali of Mehfooz House grabbed first position in Urdu Debate.

Basketball Competition

Apart from performing well in academics, cadets are also provided with opportunity to show their excellence in sports. In this regard, Inter House Basketball Championship was held in August 2013, in which teams from all Houses showed their skills in the court. Sher Khan House won the championship after a sensational match with Mehfooz House.

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Volleyball Competition

Teams from all Houses participated in Volleyball Championship vigorously. Due to some very close matches in the competition the finalists had to be decided on the basis of points average. Final match was played between Sher Khan House and Lalak Jan House in which Sher Khan House beat Lalak Jan House in a thrilling match to become the volleyball champion.

Squash Competition

Squash not only requires skill but also mental and physical strength. The cadets showed their skills and strength in the Inter-house Squash Championship. Anaab Iqbal of Sher Khan House was declared the winner of squash championship after he beat Mustafa Khan of the same house.

Cross-Country Competition

Physical fitness of the cadets is also among the primary concerns of the College. All the cadets got a chance to exhibit their fitness in Cross-Country Competition held in the month of September. In the end, it was Mehfooz House whose cadets showed the best time average and hence were declared the cross country champions. Cadet Hunbal Behzad was declared best cross-country runner.

Physical Efficiency

Physical Efficiency Test (PET) is part of the daily routine of the cadets to keep them physically agile. PET was held to check the physical strength of the cadets who participated enthusiastically in the competition. Mehfooz House, on the basis of overall performance of its cadets, won the competition.

Qira'at and Na'at Competition

Inter House Qira'at & Na'at Competition was held to infuse delicacy in recitation among the cadets. One cadet from each house participated in both events. Well-prepared and impressive Qa'aris and Na'at Khawans represented their houses. Cadet Awais of Mehfooz House and Cadet Khalid Zia of Lalak Jan House won Qira'at and Na'at competitions, respectively.

Best House

On the basis of academics, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities Lalak Jan House was declared the Champion House for the year 2013-14.

Best Housemaster and Best Teachers

Major Badar UI Hassan Housemaster Lalak Jan House was declared best Housemaster. While, Major Haroon Hamid was declared best teacher (College Section) and Captain Asiya Ejaz was declared the best teacher (School Section).





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College Tarana

Major Ubaid Ullah Khan 'Khawar' Niazi, Head of Urdu Department, wrote the College Tarana and the same was presented for the first time on the occasion of Parents' Day. The music was composed by Army School of Music. Major Ubaid was conferred a Merit Certificate, on the Parents' Day, by the Chief of Army Staff in recognition to his contribution.

The college owes a lot to the officer and Army School of Music.



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Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.

-Helen Keller