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Military College Murree

Military College Murree is an institution where grooming of cadets is being carried out not only in the classrooms but in the fields as well. The impact of our efforts is evident through the display of physical and mental faculties of our talented cadets who are contributing gallantly to the building of a legacy of elevation and pride.

It is a matter of immense satisfaction for us that the infrastructure of students' accommodation and Academic Block is complete. Academic Block with the addition of library building is fully functional and presents a strikingly good looking architectural facade.

Arrival of Third Entry of Class VIII

The 3rd entry of Class VIII arrived in the College on 24 May 2014 after a thorough and competitive process of selection. Written examination, interview and medical test were held for their selection at various centers throughout the country and finally a total of 90 cadets, who met the desired standards of the College, were selected out of over three thousand and four hundred candidates. They were warmly welcomed by the Commandant and faculty of the College.



Guest Speakers

To add inspirational and educational value, MCM invites distinguished guest speakers of the country who speak on a variety of topics. MCM is proud to host renowned guest speakers who delivered stimulating lectures followed by discussions on matters of students' interest, thus providing enriched knowledge to the cadets. Some notable guest speakers invited for the academic year 2014 are:-

- Dr Samar Mubarak Mand
- Dr Riffat Hussain
- Lt Col Mehtab Idrees
- Dr. Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema
- Maj Imtiaz Chaudhary



Parents Day and Annual Prize Distribution

Parents Day is a resonant time at MCM, a time of renewed energy and fresh hopes and possibilities. Celebration of Parents Day aims at enabling parents see the flourishing personalities of their wards. Parents Day 2014 was held on 22 Oct 2014. Inspector General Training & Evaluation Lieutenant General Ikram Ul Haq, HI(M) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The colourful ceremony started with the enthralling tunes of the band accompanied by the marching cadets. The guests were amused by the impressive show of marching cadets, exciting martial arts and fascinating movements of PT and gymnastic shows by young Himalians. Other salient features of the ceremony were annual report of the College by the Commandant, prize distribution and address of the Chief Guest. Mahfooz House, being the Champion House, was awarded Champion Trophy for the year 2014. In his address, the Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of MCM made towards all round grooming of the future military leadership.



Inauguration of Information and Resource Centre

Existence of a library in an institution is an emblem of academic excellence. Newly constructed library of the college was inaugurated by Lt Gen Ikram Ul Haq, HI(M) on 22 Oct 2014. It is named as “Information and Resource Centre” because it is equipped with unique latest technological facilities and access to E-knowledge and resources. With the addition of Information and Resource Centre, Academic Block is now fully functional to help the cadets achieve higher academic goals.



Results

Once again cadets of MCM continued to excel in academic achievements and produced excellent results in SSC and HSSC Board exams with a very high percentage of A+ and A grades. The details of Board results for the year 2014 are:-

Class	Total Strength	A+/A	B	C	Pass Percentage
IX	78	77	1	-	100%
X	86	84	2	-	100%
XI	105	81	22	2	100%
XII	87	48	29	10	100%

Achievements



Performance at PMA

The efforts and dedication of Military College Murree towards training of future military leadership have started bearing fruit. Cadets of MCM are proving their worth by exhibiting enviable performance at Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul. Besides getting many of the top cadet appointments at PMA in their respective courses, some of our cadets have stood out further by virtue of their excellent performance. To build up the legacy of pride and honour, Academy Senior Under Officer Shazif Ramzan from 3rd MCM Entry (Sher Khan House) has brought laurels to MCM by getting the most coveted award of Sword of Honour in the 130 PMA Long Course. Moreover, Gentleman Cadet Saad Hamayun of 131 PMA L/C and Gentleman Cadet Moiz of 132 PMA L/C have been selected for foreign academies on the basis of their outstanding performance at PMA and are presently getting training at United States Military Academy, West Point and Royal Military College, Australia, respectively, while GC Khalil of 132 PMA L/C has been selected for German Military Academy.



Sword of Honour
130 PMA
Long Course



College No. 380
Shazif

Under Training
at
US Military Academy
131 PMA L/C



College No. 394
Saad

Under Training
at
Royal Military College
Australia
132 PMA L/C



College No. 544
Moiz

Proceeding to
German Military Academy
132 PMA L/C



College No. 625
Khalil

Selection at ISSB

Military College Murree is a feeder institution to Pakistan Army. The spirited Himallians have been performing very well since their first appearance for the selection into the Army. During the year 2014, like previous years selection ratio at ISSB for Pakistan Military Academy remained high while one cadet was selected for Army Medical College Rawalpindi, and many others are in the process of selection; thus, venturing for new venues that serve the purpose of forwarding the cause of education with purpose.



Cadets Visit to Sri Lanka

Every year 2 cadets of this college go for weeklong visit to Sri Lanka Under the SAARC programme. It provides an opportunity to the visiting cadets to share history, cultural traditions of their home country and academic glories. This year House Prefect Ali Adeel Zafar and House Prefect Muhammad Muneer Ahmed Anjum were part of the team which represented Pakistan. During the visit the cadets met Sri Lankan Army Chief, participated in Cultural Show, visited Sri Lankan Armoured Corps Museum, Pakistan Embassy and other places of historical and cultural interest in Sri Lanka.



Participation in Declamation Contests at other Institutions

Cadets of MCM are provided ample chances to participate in such competitions held at other Colleges and Universities. This year, MCM cadets participated in declamation competitions in both English/Urdu held at Cadet College Palandri and GC University Lahore. House Prefect (Aziz Bhatti House) Ali Adeel secured 1st position in Urdu declamation contest at Cadet College Palandri.

Competitions

To develop dynamic personality and sterling leadership traits in the cadets, co-curricular activities are integral part of academic programme at Military College Murree. Cadets practically participate in competitions that help them develop physical skills, critical thinking, sportsman spirit and team coordination. The competitions included:-

Debate / Declamation Contest

Inter-House debate and declamation contests are held to inspire the cadets to learn the art of oratory, logical argumentation and develop a sense of competition and self confidence in communication skills. This year cadets from all the Houses participated with great enthusiasm in Inter-House Urdu and English competitions.

Cadet Ali Hamza of Sher Khan House secured 1st position in Urdu Declamation Contest and Cadet Umer Firas from Lalik House got 1st position in English Declamation. Cadet Jamal Akbar from Sher Khan House and Assistant College Prefect Ehrarullah from Lalik House secured 1st positions in Urdu and English Debating Competitions respectively.



Squash

Squash is very healthy game that involves very high rate of burning of calories of players while displaying technique, strategy, footwork and racket skills. Inter-House Squash Competition is held regularly in MCM. In Inter-House Squash Championship 2014, Afnan Baig of Lalik House won the final.



Volleyball

Volleyball is a game of aggression, passion, nerves and team coordination. This game is very popular with the cadets in MCM. In Inter-House volleyball Championship 2014, Aziz Bhatti House was declared champion while Cadet Umair Bashir of Aziz Bhatti House was declared as the best Volleyball player of the college.



Basketball

Basketball is a popular game that requires physical fitness, mental alertness, coordination and individual skills. In the Inter-House Basketball Championship 2014, Mahfooz House won the final and Cadet Salman Khan of Aziz Bhatti House was declared the best Player of Basketball.



Cross Country Competition



Cross country running is a real test of physical stamina, endurance and fitness. Cross Country competition is held every year at MCM. This year, all the cadets of the College exhibited their physical prowess both from the School and College sections. From the School Section, Cadet Muhammad Zubair of Sher Khan House was



declared as the best Cross Country Runner, while, from the College Section, Cadet Hunbal Behzad of Mahfooz House was honoured with the title of best Cross Country Runner. Overall, Mahfooz House won Cross Country trophy.

Physical Efficiency

Being a feeder institution for Pakistan Military Academy, physical fitness is considered a hallmark of grooming of the cadets at Military College Murree and is, therefore, vigorously pursued. This year, all cadets enthusiastically participated in the PET competition. Keeping up its traditions, Mahfooz House made its way to the victory stand by excelling others on the basis of overall performance of its cadets, whereas, Cadet Ehsan Khalid from School Section and Cadet Hunbal Behzad from the College section, clinched first positions in their respective PET competitions.



Qiraat Competition

As a true motivational source, the Holy Quraan stays as an essential part of the Cadets' daily routine. Inter-House Qiraat Competition was organized on 15 July 2014 where cadets from all houses participated with great fervor. Cadet Awais Zafar of Mahfooz House was declared the best Qaari.



Champion House

Mahfooz house was declared as the champion House for the year 2014-15. Throughout the year Mahfooz House continued its winning spree in most of the Inter-House Competitions. The teams and individual contenders from the house outclassed their competitors in most of the curricular and co-curricular activities. The Champion House Trophy was awarded to the House on the eve of 6th Parents Day on 22 October 2014 amongst the roaring applause from the spectators.



Best Housemaster and Best Teachers

Major Zillay Hussain, Housemaster of Mahfooz House was declared the Best Housemaster for steering the yearlong efforts of the house towards the victory stand of the Champion House. Likewise, Captain Zahir Tahir from the School Section and Capt Shahid Naseem from the College Section were declared the Best Teachers in their respective categories for producing excellent results in Boards Examinations.



Iqbaliat Competition

To keep the cadets associated with the spirit of Iqbal's poetry, an Inter Barrack Iqbaliat Competition was arranged by the College Literary Society on 11 November 2014. Cadets of Tufail House (Junior House), class VIII, participated with great enthusiasm in speech, quiz and *Bait Bazi* rounds. Iqbal's concept of *شاہین کبھی پرواز سے تھک کر نہیں گرتا* was the focal point of the competition. Position holders of the competition were:-

Name	Event	Position
Arbab Jahngir	Speech	1 st
Faizan Yousaf	Quiz	1 st
Muhammad Mateen	Bait Bazi	1 st
Saif-ur-Rehman	“	“



Visits



To provide an opportunity of adventure and relief from the daily routine, cadets are regularly sent on excursion and educational trips. This year, all cadets of class XII visited forward areas along LOC in Chakothi Sector where they were briefed about the activities, trade and movement of locals and their visits to their relatives



across LOC. The cadets were excited to see and know the dynamics of the Line of Control and the dedication of the troops deployed to safeguard the frontiers of Pakistan. Likewise, cadets of Class VIII visited Army Museum on 26 November 2014 where they were briefed about the history and evolution of Pakistan Army. The young cadets showed great interest and keenness in the weapons and equipment that had remained under use of Pakistan Army in the past.

Variety Show / Send off to the 2nd year Class

In order to break the monotony of demanding routine of studies, exams, physical training and other co-curricular activities and competitions and to provide an opportunity for entertainment, Social Night was organized on 12 June 2014. The main amusement of the night was drama show consisting of an English Play, Urdu skits, dance and songs conducted entirely by the cadets. The enchanting Social Night was also marked by a solemn tinge as it was the eve to bid farewell to the outgoing cadets of Second Year by the juniors. The Night is sure to be relished for long by all the cadets.



Celebration of National Days

To keep the cadets associated with the history of Pakistan Movement, National Days like 23 March, 14 August and 6 September were celebrated with national fervor and enthusiasm. Salient features of the celebration were speeches, national songs, flag hoisting ceremony, message of COAS and display of documentaries and the movie "Jinnah" in the Kiyani Auditorium.



Visits to MCM

MCM hosted a number of visits of various educational institutions both from within the country and abroad. These included students from Cadet College Larkana, Military College Sui and National Cadet Corps Sri Lanka. The most important of them was the visit of cadets and officers of National Cadet Corps Sri Lanka. On their arrival, they were welcomed by the Commandant and faculty of the College and were briefed about the functioning of the College. The delegation had a visit of the classrooms, library, labs and cadets' dorms. The visiting cadets also played a friendly cricket match with the cadets from MCM. A dinner was arranged at The Officers Mess in the honour of visiting delegation and later the delegation was seen off by the Commandant.

