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# Editorial NOTE

The New Year is a great time to reflect on the changes we want to or need to make, if you're a student looking at ways to improve yourself and make the transition to the higher level with ease.

Commit yourself to getting good grades. Good grades are entirely necessary to get into a good school unless you're a top notch athlete. The best case scenario is that you have good grades from the beginning. However, if you start off badly and improve your grades, colleges will give you points for this. Many admissions officers won't look at your application if your grades are too low or show a steady decline. Spending a night studying while your friends play Wii may not excite you, but you need to look at this long-term. Think of it this way, grades are a bridge. They will serve you to get into a college where you will have more freedom. In college, grades may not be as important as in high school.

Don't do it all. It's better to concentrate on a few things and excel in them than if you join every sport, activity and club that you can cram into your schedule. Anyone can join 10 clubs and be marginally involved in them all. Schools are looking for commitment that shows you're willing to stick with something and make the most of it. Keep a calendar. Deadlines creep up quickly. And the closer the date, the more you'll feel the pressure. Most students don't do their best under pressure. And colleges, scholarships, federal aid, and standardized testing services are not going to be sympathetic to any excuses you have about missing a deadline. If you miss a deadline, you miss an opportunity.

Do your research. Know what the choices are when it comes to colleges. Research could be as simple as visiting a school's website. Try something new. High school is a great time to spread your wings. It's about new experiences and self-discovery. Want a certain internship, there's no harm in calling up and asking if they have any room for an eager high school student to work there. Want to try a new sport or activity, go ahead and try it. You're not expected to leave high school knowing exactly what you want to do, but this is a chance to start narrowing down your interests. You'll never know what you like or how good you are at something, until you try something.

Stop procrastinating. How often have you underestimated how much time it will take to get something done? Then, how sad are you when you don't have the time to do your best. At some point, the procrastinator has to write four college essays in one night on top of completing schoolwork. Usually, this doesn't turn out so well. If you finish a project earlier than you thought you would, then consider yourself ahead.



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# Letter to the editor

## **Hello Editor,**

Through the medium of your magazine, I want to raise my concerns about the current high fee structure of "private schools". The issue of high school fee dues is leaving parents worried about other expenses, and at times after paying fee dues the overall family budget goes outside the box.

**Haris Ahmad**

## **Hey Informal,**

It's been an amazing experience to read your magazine. As, your magazine spotlights the educational sector, so I would like you to write a story on the "importance of school uniform", since people and especially the students of this generation had completely forgotten the value of school uniform.

**Omer Sheikh**

## **Hey Editor,**

You guys are doing the right thing of making the educational sector the center of attention, at a much needed time. I read your last month's cover story, and I couldn't resist saying that; it's an "Eye Opener" for our country. I hope you will be successful in reaching out to more and more people, for the sake of education.

**Saman Ijaz**

## **Hey Informal,**

I had been reading your magazine from last 2 months, and it has been a wonderful experience for me. With the help of your magazine, I get to know about the on-going events in schools along with other informative content. Doing a good job!

**Amir Amin**

## **Hi Informal,**

I read your magazine for this month and found it really very interesting. The story I liked the most was the cover story of this month "Dissecting the Education System". This story contains high-level facts and figures regarding the education system of Pakistan, which makes it a must read story.

**Arslan Ali**

## **Hi Editor,**

I really enjoy reading informal magazine time to time. Your magazine has a very good composition of interesting and informative content along with a wide range of topics. I personally liked wise advice if this month "Understand the Value of Education". Keep it up!

**Qirat Salman**

## **Hey Editor,**

You guys are doing a very good job in portraying the education system at a grass-root level. Your selection of topic is very fine and directly related to the present educational scenario of Pakistan. We support you in your mission of creating education through interesting bits and pieces.

**Maheen Qurashi**

## **Hi Informal,**

It has always been a pleasurable experience to read your magazine. Your material is amazing, selection of topic is very interesting and over-all content is highly informative. One can really add on the knowledge by reading your magazine. Looking forward to next month's publication!

**Tahmina Khan**

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We received too many letters from our valued readers every month through mail and e-mail, however, due to shortage of space we are publishing only few selected letters.

# HIGH HOPES

## MISSION 2018



Education is at the forefront of the present government's agenda. Government realized that no investment would yield fruit without proper investment in the education sector. The sector had seen improvements in the last four years. However, the government is aware of the challenges faced by the education sector in the country and efforts are underway to overcome them. It is inevitable to ensure provision of quality education at educational institutions along with the higher education.

**Shahid Khaqan Abbasi (Prime Minister of Pakistan)**



Education is the basic right of every child and a very important aspect for progress of any nation. In the modern era no nation can survive without quality education. Human Resource Development is the central pillar of the government policy and education plays a fundamental role towards the formation of human social capital. To ensure minimum National Standards in education, National Curriculum Council (NCC) has been formed with membership from all provinces.

**Engr. Muahmmad Baligh Ur Rehman (Federal Minister for Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training)**



Government has been able to dwell strong sports culture in Pakistan till now, and Baseball also had been expanded over the period of time, especially in the year 2017 – engulfed many Baseball tournaments and activities. We hope the same or even better response to baseball sector from the side of both authorities and people. I would also advice other people to find a sport or organized activity to get involved with. Whether it's a group that gyms together or friends that play baseball, group exercising is a great way to get physically active.

**Syed Sheharyar Ali (President – Punjab Baseball Association)**



At SISA we keep educating our children on how to keep themselves safe from strangers. In this regard our junior school presented a play "Stranger Danger" which was much appreciated by the audience as it carried a message of keeping an open communication with teachers and parents so that children remain unharmed. Every year our students celebrate Labour Day by preparing food for the custodians and buying clothes shoes and household items for them from their pocket money.

**SAEEDA SALIM (Director – Principal, SISA)  
School of International Studies in Sciences & Arts**



Everyone thought 2017 was bad. That was before 2018. Over the past year, we learned many new things and it felt like virtually every man in a position of power was revealed to be a total dirt bag. In the art & design industry, there is some good news. Many artists & designers are taking their own roles in the events of 2017 to heart and many of them have big plans to make 2018 a better year. We talked to everyone from system thinkers and industrial designers to all specialists and political activists.

**Muhammad Asghar Qureshi (Chairman, DA' ART Institute of Art & Design Lahore Pakistan)**

# HIGH HOPES

## MISSION 2018



Our school has a reputation for tolerance and kindness, so in our first assembly of the New Year, students were urged to ensure that this reputation is well deserved, particularly when the world is currently in such turmoil. There is enough cruelty and suffering in Palestine, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Sudan and Iraq (to name but a few); and it should be our task to counterbalance this tragedy of the world with kindness, fairness and inclusivity wherever we can. Ours is a bully-free school where children come happily each day to do their best in their academic work and in sports and the arts, as well.

**Ms. A. L. Williams (Founder Member, Bloomfield Hall School)**



New year starts with new expectations & ambitions. Being Head, my responsibility towards my institution is more than anything else. This year, I would attempt to create a more conducive & learning environment for my students and enable them to be good human beings. Since moral self-grooming is equally important as getting education.

**Zeba Nasir (Head, Bloomfield Hall School-Islamabad)**



Every year bring sun shine and hope. This New Year our promise to Almighty Allah must be new hope and strong resolution to overcome all our failures and weaknesses. Life is too short to grieve over our losses. To become resilient and to fight against all add and evils and follow values religiously makes one successful and victorious. Hope never ends!

**Ms. Sabeen Qamar (Headmistress, City School Faisalabad)**



My goals for the New Year are; get organized. It's always my goal to be better and better organized. Become a better listener. Public radio recently had a great broadcast on that topic and it made me think. The right to speak comes with the inherent assumption that everyone also has the right to be heard. Offer more and better training, integration help to my teachers. My big push this year is Web 2.0 tools; working with my staff to help students become better digital citizens.

**Dr Jean-Michel Johnston (Faculty of English, Oxford University)**



My professional resolution is to work harder to share ways to incorporate technology into teaching and learning with my colleagues. Last week, a colleague asked about starting a class blog with her students, so we're going to meet after winter break to plan how to include additional colleagues in that venture. I enjoy collaborating with colleagues, so I'm looking forward to having fun as we work together to make exciting changes to our teaching.

**Dr William Bowers (Language and Literature Department, Oxford University)**

# PIR SOHAWA

## Quick facts about Pir Sohawa

- Height of Pir Sohawa is 1524 meters (5000 feet) above sea level.
- The famous Monal restaurant at Pir Sohawa is named after Monal Village located nearby.
- It takes approximately 35 minutes drive on windy road of Pir Sohawa to reach the top.

**P**ir Sohawa is a highland picturesque rural sight, at an altitude of 5000 feet (1524 meters), located near Islamabad (the capital of Pakistan). Many people think its part of Islamabad but geographically it is located in Haripur District, KPK. The scenic place is praised for trips and holiday picnics in Islamabad and is sighted near Monal Village, which exist on the incline against Islamabad city. The place is linked to Islamabad by a winding road on which Daman-e-Koh (a viewing point and hill top garden) is located and it takes 35 minutes drive to reach it from the city. It is about 13 kilometers from Marghzar. The sight presents a fantastic and picturesque view of Islamabad city during day and night.

The sight is an ideal place for enjoying picnics in forest while listening to singing birds and watching wildlife. After rains of monsoon forest in the hills of Pir Sohawa turns green. The sight is end point for hiking trips from the foot of Margla Hills, rising 3000 feet (914 meters) almost vertically upward from the Saidpur Village, Islamabad. This place presents an incredible and charming view of Islamabad during day and night. It is a perfect place to enjoy picnics in forest while listening to singing birds and watching wildlife.

Forests in the hills of Pir Sohawa turn green after the rain of monsoon forest. A restaurant called "Monal Resturant" is located at Pir Sohawa. Completed in 2006, the restaurant presents a breathtaking view of the city of Islamabad in day and amazingly beautiful show of the city lights during night. One can adore fragrance and breeze, especially in hot days of summer, with thick forest present all around. The place also attracts tourist during winter, as being a place sufficient for occasional snow fall due to an altitude of 5000 feet. Pir Sohawa is the most beloved place for picnics and tours among the citizens of Islamabad and also liked by foreign visitors and tourists. A beautiful view of Faisal



Mosque and Islamabad city can be seen from this place.

At Pir Sohawa a famous restaurant is situated known as "Monal Restaurant" which was completed in the year 2006 offers a great deal of food. This restaurant gives an amazing view of the city Islamabad in day and outstandingly magnificent show of lights in night. At the side of the hotel towards its east Tilla Grani is positioned which is 1181 meter high peak and one can easily walk on it. Especially in the hot summers day the tourists can be mad about the fragrance and breeze with thick forest present all around.

In winter this place becomes more attractive due to the snow fall. As it is an ideal tourists place it gives a magnificent view of Faisal Mosque and the city of Islamabad and it is admired by the foreign tourists as well. Few inches of snow fall in Pir Sohawa the highest tourists place was examined on 6th January 2012. This place provides an outstanding walk down in amusing jungle paths. In the deep dales of Pir Sohawa are charming thatched mud houses and by the side of the street are some restaurant selling pakoras which is a favorite snack of this region. So it's a worth seeing tourists place one should visit it in its way to Islamabad.



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# SLIDING EDUCATION SLOPE 2017

▲▲ Education is a matter of life and death for Pakistan. The world is progressing so rapidly that without requisite advance in education, not only shall we lag behind others but may be wiped out altogether. ▼▼

*Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah*

**E**ducation is one source which can single handedly turn the fortune for any nation and can be the best and most appropriate solution for any of the respective problem any state is going through. Pakistan is one of those countries which are going through so many problems and it cannot be wrong to say that the nation is being surrounded by several threatening problems, amongst such problems education problem is on the top of the list and it is the fact that many of the problems have been created due to the deficiency of education in the local public, having said that, there are a number of happenings which went well with respect to the educational sector of Pakistan by year "2017".

Here in "2018" if we want our country to prosper on good educational grounds then it's important to look up to the year "2017", and how it went for the educational sector of Pakistan. Preceding year is very important with reverence to "education", due to many new reforms, improved rankings, important assessments made by the authorities and many small yet important initiatives by government. 2017, has its own good and bad elevation for educational sector, but the thing to see in this case is; Pakistan had been struggling with educational problems from quite some years. However, Pakistan had also showcased several big names time to time in the zone of education.

We have the name of Abdus Salam. He got the Nobel Prize because of his work in the field of Physics. He has been the first Pakistani who got the Nobel Prize in this physics field. The entire physics community still pays tribute to Abdus Salam. Then we have the name of Ayu Ommaya. He was a neuro-surgeon who heavily contributed in the field of brain tumor. We too have the name of Mahbub-ul-Haq who was one of the leading economists and developed and founded the Human Development Index. Atta Ur Rehman too made massive contributions in the field of natural product chemistry. Arfa Karim also proves those people wrong who says Pakistan's education system cannot produce geniuses. Arfa Karim was a Pakistani student and computer prodigy who, in 2004 at the age of nine, became the youngest Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP). Arfa represented Pakistan on various international forums including the TechEd Developers Conference. She also received the President's Award for Pride of Performance in 2005. A science park in Lahore, the Arfa Software Technology Park, was named after her. She was invited by Bill Gates to visit Microsoft Headquarters in the United States.

Such genius producing believes had been further firmed after "2017"; a year which uttered many glances, explicitly "positive" on the grounds of

education.

In the initials of 2017, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training Balighur Rehman stated that, government had taken measures for the promotion of quality education. Talking to Radio Pakistan, the minister said the government has taken a number of steps to improve the standard of education in the country, he further mentioned that, Educational indicators have improved during the last three years. Which was a very positive sign regarding the betterment in educational sector of Pakistan.

A smart step was taken by government to improve education division in Sindh province, with the establishment of "Sindh School Monitoring System". The Sindh School Monitoring System spreads across 15 districts and to the remotest parts of the province. Plans are underway to expand it to the entire province. More than 210,000 teaching and non-teaching staff had been profiled using biometric information, covering more than 26,200 schools. This makes it an enormous highlight in education bounty.

While, Punjab and especially Lahore was in talks due to the initiating of distribution of Laptops and tablets to the worthy students by the government of Pakistan. Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif also presided over a three-hour meeting to review progress on the School Reforms Roadmap Program the preceding year. Addressing the meeting, the CM said reforms in the education system, introduced by the Punjab government, were producing positive results and the provincial government had made great progress in achieving targets. He said education standards had improved due to introduction of IT. Shehbaz continued that the Punjab government outsourced 4,300 schools under the private-public partnership and the enrolment of students and quality of education had increased in these institutions.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf led Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has embarked upon



revolutionary education reforms in the province that is destined to go long way in not only enhancing the literacy rate but would also ensure modern education to every knowledge seeker hence attracting every parent to send their kids to the school. This year, KPK switched its position with Sindh to claim second position after Punjab. The greatest positive came from net enrollment ratio which is increased to 83%, best among all provinces leaving behind Punjab with 70%.



The high percentage of new enrollments also reflected building trust of masses on public schools especially in a province where schools are often under threat from terrorists along with a substantial portion of population which is not interested in modern education at all. The net enrollment ratio increased further in 2017 as the province launched its new initiative in April this year, #GharAyaUstaad to expand enrollments. Atif Khan, young and energetic education minister of the province also initiated an array of other measures including bio-metric system and use of virtual dashboards to monitor quality of education and teacher's presence in the public schools. The innovative initiative of virtual dashboard to monitor classroom activities in real time received recognition from across the globe with a UK based study suggesting the same for UK schools. According to education minister, the province is first time recruiting teachers on merit based on the national testing service which is another positive in a culture where all government recruitment are based on political liking instead of merit.

Not only KPK is reaching onto the heights, but AJK also made progressive upshots in 2017. Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), was ranked first among eight Pakistani territories with respect to the provision of quality education, according to the "Pakistan District Education Rankings 2017" released by "Alif Ailaan", an education campaign. AJK is followed by Islamabad Capital Territory, Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) ranks fifth on the list. Sindh and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) have fallen to seventh and eighth positions, respectively, as Balochistan jumped two places from last year's rankings to sixth position.

Rank	District	Total provincial education score	Learning Score	Retention Score	Gender Parity Score
1	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	72.95	60.97	44.14	89.73
2	Islamabad Capital Territory	70.43	64.8	55.54	90.94
3	Punjab	70.01	66.57	49.53	93.62
4	Gilgit-Baltistan	63.18	57.57	48.29	86.67
5	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	57.89	52.06	41.09	79.31
6	Balochistan	54.16	53.76	36.91	71.8
7	Sindh	53.37	42.16	41.15	76.8
8	FATA	48.01	49.42	29.65	67.96

### A big breakthrough of "Azad Jammu & Kashmir"

According to Alif Ailaan, the education index covers retention from primary to middle and middle to high schools, learning among students and gender parity. The 2017 rankings show that while certain parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab have made marked improvements in school infrastructure, the pace of progress in Sindh, Balochistan and Fata remains a concern.

Rank	District/Agency	Province/Region	Education Score	Learning Score	Retention Score	Gender Parity Score
1	Haripur	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	81.62	88.31	55.36	91.18
2	Faisalabad	Punjab	76.74	76.24	56.22	97.75
3	Gujranwala	Punjab	76.09	79.27	54.63	94.38
4	Sheikhpura	Punjab	74.38	78.82	50.81	93.5
5	Bagh	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	73.99	85.42	48.22	88.32
6	Muzaffargarh	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	73.85	83.34	46.31	91.91
7	Kotli	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	73.68	85.67	41.92	93.45
8	Poonch	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	73.52	84.17	45.47	90.92
9	Singodhe	Punjab	73.34	71.72	62.75	95.54
10	Bahawalpur	Punjab	73.27	79.84	50.82	89.14

### Top ten district "Education Ranking" - 2017

Soon after the report was released, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan tweeted: Alif Ailaan has put out these amazing figures on District Education Rankings for 2017. Nine of the 10 top districts are from KP; only 1 from Punjab. In same survey for 2016, nine of top 10 were from Punjab; none from KP. This is a great achievement by PTI government in KP in critical field of education.

These realistic facts and figures firm a vivid indication in the improvement of education sector of Pakistan. For further development in education with concerns of "2018", Pakistan needs an extensive educational reform which must begin with a policy reform that tackles the chronic under-investment in the education sector. Adding to that, the government and the private sector must work as partners to provide quality education especially primary education to all the school going citizens. It is a long-term process which requires effort from each one of us as individuals too, to work towards a quality education system along with providing the youth with hope, our undivided attention, and unwavering belief in their potential. Education is not only crucial for mitigating the socio-economic issues, it is important for psychological reasons too as it helps to make you feel worthwhile, gives a boost to morale and builds confidence and perseverance.

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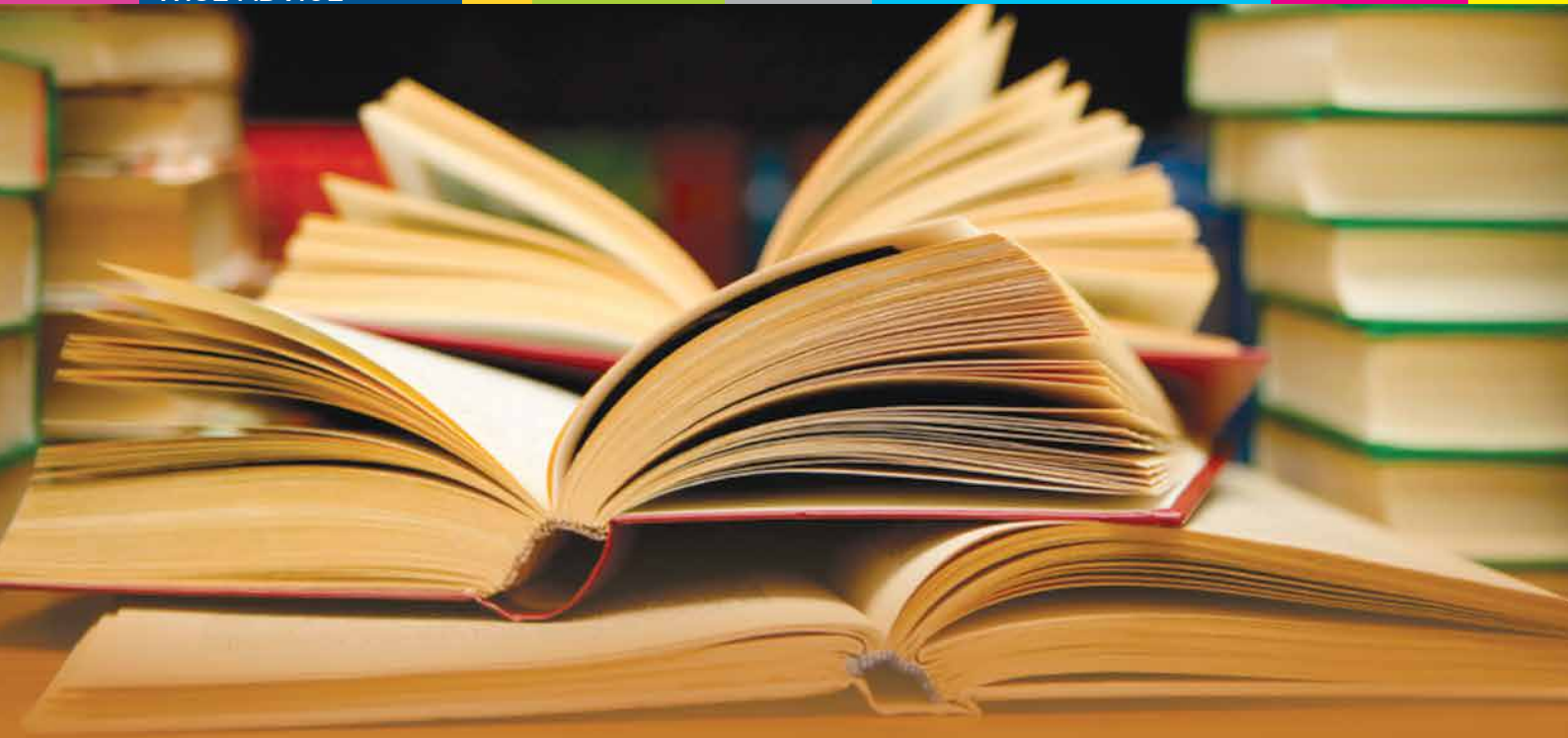
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# Reading is Dreaming with Open Eyes

**R**eading has at all times and in all ages been a source of knowledge, of happiness, of pleasure and even moral courage. In today's world with so much more to know and to learn and also the need for a conscious effort to conquer the divisive forces, the importance of reading has increased. In the olden days if reading was not cultivated or encouraged, there was a substitute for it in the religious sermon and in the oral tradition. The practice of telling stories at bed time compensated to some extent for the lack of reading. In the nineteenth century Victorian households used to get together for an hour or so in the evenings and listen to books being read aloud.

Now, people are living in a world where new technological advances have replaced the desire to read. Reading, in my opinion, has become less important to many adults and children. Some children and teenagers prefer to watch a movie or playing video games instead of reading a book. Some adults prefer to watch television than to read a good novel. These examples are what some people are going through due to the

enhancement of technology. Reading, in some people's agenda, is not as important as it used to be like in the early 1900's. To some people watching a movie or basketball game on television is more important than reading a book. Decreased reading time has slowed down my critical thinking skills and have also made me a less effective reader than most people who read on a regular basis.

Reading is an extremely important skill. It is by reading that you learn much of what you need to know for your different school subjects. Reading is also an excellent way to improve your general English. You can only learn from reading, however, if what you read is not too difficult. For this reason, it is important to know what makes texts difficult and how you can improve your chances of understanding them.

Educational researchers have found that there is a strong correlation between reading and academic success. A student who is a good reader is more likely to do well in school and pass exams than a student who is a weak reader. Good reader can understand the individual sentences and organizational structure of a piece

of writing. They can comprehend ideas, follow arguments and detect implications. Good readers can extract from the writing what is important for the particular task they are employed in and they can do it quickly. Educational researchers have also found a strong correlation between reading and vocabulary knowledge. Students who have a large vocabulary are usually good readers. This is very surprising, since the best way to acquire large vocabulary is to read extensively and if you read extensively you're likely to be or become a good reader.

Books are no doubt very faithful friend of a reader. They never betray but accompany the reader, either sitting alone or traveling. Those who are habitual of reading feel comforted with books. It soothes and relieves tension and loneliness. Medically it also plays a vital role to eradicate depression and unrest. Books are great assassins of boredom. It just kills the boring time.

We are the dwellers of this speedy advancing world. Everything is moving so fast just like a rocket. To keep the pace, we must also need to do things that benefit us. Reading is no doubt a stupendous habit. It can make a stagnant, barren mind rich and cultivatable. It pours rich thoughts in minds. It brings the best out of someone. Reading also helps one to see the present in relation to the past and the future and thus develops a historical perspective. But, care is needed to ensure that reading doesn't become a substitute for the real life. The moment one ceases to enjoy the ordinary pleasures and happiness of life and is content to enjoy them vicariously through fictional and historical representation, one loses all the benefits of reading and loses contact with life.

As a result of reading books over a period of time, a learning process is formed. There are a great many benefits to be gained from reading books. It is proven that in this technological society the demands for higher levels of literacy are creating unfavorable consequences for those who fall short. This is even more of reason to get into the habit of reading books, but with the cinema and television taking up a great deal of attention of children, teenagers and even adults, the habit of serious reading is dying out. We must never let it die out.

Studies have shown that people who spend more time reading, and take in a greater volume of reading material, develop a more extensive vocabulary and greater reading comprehension. This improves their ability to take in knowledge more generally, as with anything else, developing reading skills takes work. Set aside time to read every day.

Building a greater vocabulary will make reading easier and more fun in the future. The more words you are exposed to, the more your vocabulary will grow. If you don't understand a word, first try to use context clues to figure out what it means. Frequently, the rest of the words in a sentence will offer hints about what a particular word means.

Look up words in the dictionary that you do not recognize or understand. Write down these words to review later to solidify them in your memory and make them a part of your vocabulary. Keep of a collection of these words for your own reference. Use new words you learn in your everyday speech. Putting words into action in your everyday life will ensure that you remember them.



## Learning without Borders obtains A+ series funding



The parent company of UVIC, Learning without Borders, has obtained several million Chinese RMB in A+ series funding to further develop its “ecosystem of support” for students looking to study abroad. Established in 2003, the cross-border international student service has since formed strategic partnerships with over 100 global higher education institutions, governments and corporations in the UK, China, USA and Australia.

## High demand for fashion degrees globally



The appeal of study enrollments and working in the fashion industry is at an all-time high. Thousands are pursuing dreams to become designers, retailers, marketers and even journalists covering the fashion sector, through fashion degrees. According to the Council of Fashion Designers of America, fashion education has grown in the past 10 years and in some institutions, enrolments have tripled.

## UK: Study visa pilot extended to 23 HEIs after successful first stage



A pilot scheme for the streamlined processing of international postgraduate students’ visa applications has been extended by the UK Home Office, after what it describes as a successful first stage at four universities. The Immigration minister Brandon Lewis said he was “delighted” to extend the scheme, which is still referred to as a pilot, to 23 universities across the UK.

## UK: Two-year degrees “won’t represent value” to int’l students



The UK Government plans to introduce £11,100-a-year tuition fees for two-year degrees in a move it insists will save students around 20% overall. However, a recent survey revealed a low recognition of the value of accelerated degrees among international students, despite the fact that they would likely experience a reduced cost of living from fewer years studying. UK Universities minister Jo Johnson said it amounts to a saving of £5,500 and the move could force universities to offer intense, fast-track courses that suit older students.

## 32% of CEOs study abroad, according to Study. EU research



A study of CEOs from some of the world’s largest companies (as per the Forbes Global 2000 rankings) has found that around a third of the most prominent executives in the business world benefited from international education. 32% of these leaders chose to spend at least one semester of their university-level education overseas, and thereby shows that African CEOs are almost twice as likely to have studied abroad that CEOs operating in other regions. 65% of those interviewed in Africa have studied abroad.



# Talk With Hamna Khan

success for any student. Current students need to focus more on the exploring and creative side, rather than cramming things.

**Q. How is your equation with your students?**

**Ans.** My devotion towards my students really helps me to have a special equation with my students. I have a strong bonding with my students and I observe a very friendly attitude with my students, which help them to come straight up to me in case of any problem.

**Q. What is your point of view on the current education system of Pakistan?**

**Ans.** Education is the most essential ingredient for the development of a nation. It is a global fact that nations who have reached the heights of the development and prosperity have done it by using education and information as a tool to do it. Education is simply an investment to achieve both human and economic development. But unfortunately it is one of the biggest problems in Pakistan. Education is very important for the development of every country. It is the only cure for the disability of a country because today's students are tomorrow's nation builder. Government of Pakistan should take steps to remove the above mentioned problems so as to improve the quality of educational system of the country.

**Q. Which type of students you like the most?**

**Ans.** I like students, who are loyal and passionate with studies.

**Q. Any message for our readers?**

**Ans.** It is a responsibility of all of us to work together to contribute towards the change in the education system of the country and to become a better and a literate nation. The change starts with each and every individual that vows to be productive and to participate in the pursuit of knowledge.



**H**amna Khan is currently operational in the Pakistan Studies department of Lahore College for Women University (LCWU).

**Q. How were you as a child?**

**Ans.** Introverted and shy though I was friendly and a caring person but I hardly use to make any new friends and didn't mingle that easily. As a student, I was just good and passionate about my studies, though I enjoyed reading novels and one of my favorite novels during my childhood was "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho.

**Q. What are your views about your up-bringing at home?**

**Ans.** Being an elder sibling, I was brought up in a family where I have too much attached with my parents especially with my father, on the other hand my mother was quite strict about rules. Both my parents were always very supportive of what I wanted to do in my life. Apparently, it is good that our parents are more concerned about us and our career, and keeps on giving us a guide-line that helps in our future life.

**Q. When you got associated with Lahore College for Women University?**

**Ans.** Lahore College for Women University has been one of the best institutions to work for. Since in 2007, I had been associated with LCWU firstly as a student and now being working as a lecturer in this institution is quite different yet amazing experience. My experience of LCWU, gave me a wise vision which helped me to grow massively in the practical field.

**Q. Why you decided to be in a teaching profession, or it was just luck by chance?**

**Ans.** I always use to get attracted by the teaching styles of my teachers at different levels and by the time I had to make any choice regarding my profession, teaching was the one profession which I really wanted to pursue. I was so passionate about teaching profession and it was my desire to become one. I got inspiration & encouragement from my mother as well; she had served a great time in the teaching field, so teaching was in my blood.

**Q. What makes your teaching style different than other teachers?**

**Ans.** I always prefer creativity among my students. I believe, creativity is that key to

# 10 Tips to Stay Healthy in Winters



**A**re you ready for cold and flu season, especially when the weather keeps on changing, If you want to avoid being sick and feeling like you have to go to the doctor to get antibiotics and other drugs, now is the time to be thinking about prevention!

To that end, here are some great tips to strengthen your body's immune system during the winter season.

- 1. Drink the optimal amount of water.** With the chill season here, it's more important than ever to consume the right amount of water for your health.
- 2. Keep stress to a minimum.** Studies have linked high stress levels to making a person more susceptible to catching colds and flu. Minimize your stress by working reasonable hours at your job. Aim for at least one night per week to spend with friends and family. If your stress is out of hand and you feel like you need some help, let me know. Frequently, I work with people who have stress or emotional challenges and utilize Bach Flower Remedies to bring their emotional health back into balance.
- 3. Eat a healthy diet.** Maintaining a good healthy diet full of fresh fruits and vegetables and minimal amounts of organic meats is another way to keep your body clean and in good working order. Try eating an extra piece of fruit or veggie every day too!
- 4. Do your homework to find the best supplement for your health.** Even if you eat "perfectly" all the time with loads of fresh fruits and vegetables, you still need to boost your nutrition with a supplement. What supplements you will need to depend significantly on your lifestyle. If you're not sure whether you need them at all, read this post on why we need supplements. Let me help you choose the best supplement program for your lifestyle. Some supplements I recommend taking during the winter season include:
- 5. Exercise regularly.** It is important to exercise regularly, even if only for 15 minutes a day! Get out and take a short walk and enjoy the cooler weather.
- 6. Get the right amount of sleep every night.**

The average person needs 6-8 hours of sleep per night. If you're not getting enough sleep, your body is extremely vulnerable to illness. Sleep is very much like fuel that recharges your batteries! You've got to do it to keep the machine running.

- 7. Wash your hands regularly.** Keep the bacteria and viruses off your hands and out of your mouth and eyes. Keep a bottle of hand sanitizer close-by for those instances where you can't get to soap and water.
- 8. Don't smoke.** Most of you already know this, but it bears repeating because smoking significantly weakens your immune system. If you want to quit and have tried everything else, let me know. I have some nutritional recommendations that can help you quit!
- 9. Eliminate all forms of sugar.** This includes not only the obvious kinds (cake, cookies and sweets, in general), but bread, pasta, rice, yogurt and commercial, store-bought fruit juices. Although all of these things are made with different types of sugars, your body still converts them to sugar, which will compromise your immune system.
- 10. Despite your best efforts, you still can feel like you're "coming down with something."** Some things you can do to help your body recover more quickly:
  - o Eliminate all dairy products.
  - o Eliminate all alcohol.
  - o Eliminate all grains (bread, rice, pasta, etc.).
  - o Boost your Vitamin C (with bioflavonoids) intake when you initially feel something coming on.
  - o Boost your intake of Zinc.
  - o Increase water consumption (even more than normal!).
  - o Eat less food as this will give your body a much needed rest from digestion and give it a chance to concentrate on fighting off potential invaders.



# Review on Okami Game

**O**kami HD is, as the name suggests, a high-definition re-release of Okami for PS4, Xbox One, and Windows PC. Developed by Clover Studio for the PS2 in 2006, Okami met with critical acclaim, but little commercial success. It had the misfortune of hitting stores around the same time as the likes of Final Fantasy XII, Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion, and Call of Duty 3.

Nonetheless, publisher Capcom gave this water-colored adventure another lease of life with a release for the PS3 and the Nintendo Wii, before bringing it to current generation hardware. Now, 11 years since its debut, does it hold up or is it just another cash grab? We tell you.

Okami is Capcom's take on the Legend of Zelda. You play as Amaterasu, the goddess of the sun, in the form of a white wolf. Just as traditional Zelda games usually have a fairy to drop hints or help take the plot forward; Okami has Issun-an atom-sized artist, belonging to a mythical race known as the Poncle, for a side-kick.

Taking place in a cel-shaded, ink-illustrated representation of Japan, Okami has you partake in numerous quests to save the land from a great and ancient evil. These range from the mundane, such as growing trees, to the magical, such as defeating gigantic demons. All of these result in money and Praise (the game's take on experience points) which you can use to buy new gear and upgrade your skills. Combat in Okami takes place in cloistered arenas and is in real-time. Here you can use weapons, melee attacks, and even a brush to beat your opponents. Yes, a paint brush, or the Celestial Brush as it's called in game.

A press of a button summons a canvas that you can draw on using the left analog stick. This lets you slash through foes by drawing a line through them. Aside from being useful in battle, the Celestial Brush is crucial in solving puzzles, such as drawing the missing piece of a constellation in the sky, or repairing a bridge. As you progress, you earn upgrades allowing you to draw a veil of mist that slows time giving you a few moments more to react against faster enemies, or a sign that lets you summon a blizzard to freeze them or create a platform allowing you to cross huge chasms. The

brush is an interesting addition that makes Okami stand out from a game play perspective.

This is backed up by slick controls in combat and in puzzle solving. It's easy to pull up the Celestial Brush when you need it, and simple to draw what's required. There has been the odd occasion where the game refuses to recognize what we've sketched, but these have been few and far between through the game's 40 hour journey.

As for Okami HD in 4K, it's a dramatic improvement over the PS2 original and even the PS3 and Wii releases. However, there is a hazy filter masking the game world, making it appear softer than it is, and Amaterasu's character model tends to flicker. All of this results in a game that, while visually spectacular, tends to feel almost like watching a 3D movie without glasses in some instances, which can put a damper on the proceedings. Despite Capcom claiming additional "Xbox One X Enhancements" over and above 4K resolution, there was little different in terms of frame rate or visual quality when compared to the PS4 Pro and PC versions of Okami HD.

All said and done, Okami HD is a competent remaster of a beloved classic.

#### Pros:

- Responsive controls
- Strong art direction
- Obvious visual improvement

#### Cons:

- No extra content or features
- Xbox One X enhancements aside from 4K are ambiguous
- Blurry image quality in certain scenes



# Invention Story of PAPER

**E** Since the invention of writing, people had been trying to come up with something easier to write on than papyrus or parchment, and also something easier and cheaper to make. But it took 3000 years to come up with paper! Paper was invented around 100 BC in China. In 105 AD, under the Han Dynasty emperor Ho-Ti, a government official in China named Ts'ai Lun was the first to start a paper-making industry.

People in various places around the world were writing long before the invention of paper. Materials such as bark, silk, wood and leather functioned in a similar way to paper, although they were either much more expensive or heavier. In China, many early works were recorded on long bamboo strips, which were then bound with leather straps or string into books.

## CHINESE PAPER-MAKING

Early paper-makers in China used hemp fibers, which were soaked in water and pounded with a large wooden mallet. The resulting slurry was then poured over a horizontal mold; loosely-woven cloth stretched over a framework of bamboo allowed the water to drip out the bottom or evaporate, leaving behind a flat sheet of dry hemp-fiber paper. One of the most common formats for early paper was the scroll. A few long pieces of paper were pasted together to form a strip, which was then wrapped around a wooden roller. The other end of the paper was attached to a thin wooden dowel, with a piece of silk cord in the middle to tie the scroll shut.

## PAPER-MAKING SPREADS

From its point of origin in China, the idea and technology of paper-making spread throughout Asia. In the 500s CE, artisans on the Korean Peninsula began to make paper using many of the same materials as Chinese paper-makers.

The Koreans also used rice straw and seaweed, expanding the types of fiber available for paper production. Around 610 CE, according to legend, the Korean Buddhist monk Don-cho introduced paper-making to the court of Emperor Kotoku in Japan. Paper-making technology also spread west through Tibet and then south into Sub-continent.

## PAPER REACHES THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE

In 751 CE, the armies of Tang China and the ever-expanding Arab Abbasid Empire clashed in the Battle of Talas River, in what is now Kyrgyzstan. One of the most interesting repercussions of this Arab victory was that the



Abbasids captured Chinese artisans - including master paper-makers like Tou Houan - and took them back to the Middle East.

At that time, the Abbasid Empire stretched from Spain and Portugal in the west through North Africa to Central Asia in the east, so knowledge of this marvelous new material spread far and wide. Before long, cities from Samarkand (now in Uzbekistan) to Damascus and Cairo had become centers of paper production.

In 1120, the Moors established Europe's first paper mill at Valencia, Spain (then called Xativa). From there, this Chinese invention passed to Italy, Germany, and other parts of Europe. Paper helped spread knowledge, much of which was gleaned from the great Asian culture centers along the Silk Road that enabled Europe's High Middle Ages.

## Paper, books, and movable type

At first traders bought their paper from China, Central Asia, and India. But by 800 AD Islamic manufacturers were making their own paper. As paper reached West Asia, people began to make it into books, instead of the scrolls that people used in China and India. That plan spread eastward, and by about 1000 AD, people were making books even in China and India. To go with the new book format, printers in China invented movable wooden type.

## MANIFOLD USES

Meanwhile, in East Asia, paper was used for an enormous number of purposes. Combined with varnish, it became beautiful ware storage vessels and furniture; in Japan, the walls of homes were often made of rice-paper. Besides paintings and books, paper was made into fans, umbrellas, even highly effective armor. Paper truly is one of the most wonderful Asian inventions of all time.



### Series Directed by:

<b>Matt Duffer</b>	...	(10 Episodes, 2016-2017)
<b>Ross Duffer</b>	...	(10 Episodes, 2016-2017)
<b>Shawn Levy</b>	...	(4 Episodes, 2016-2017)
<b>Andrew Stanton</b>	...	(2 Episodes, 2017)
<b>Rebecca Thomas</b>	...	(1 Episode, 2017)

### SUMMARY

In a small town where everyone knows everyone, a peculiar incident starts a chain of events that leads to the disappearance of a child which begins to tear at the fabric of an otherwise peaceful community. Dark government agencies and seemingly malevolent supernatural forces converge on the town while a few locals begin to understand that there's more going on than meets the eye.

**Note: This review contains SPOILERS for Stranger Things season 2.**

It might be hard to remember in this age of Dustin gifs, Eleven co splay and #Justice4Barb hash tags, but back in the summer of 2016, Stranger Things pretty much came out of nowhere.

This quirky little show that no-one had heard much about launched to an unexpected level of success. A bona-fide sensation that soared almost by word of mouth alone, it permeated the public consciousness with its colorful characters, charming cast and affectionate aping of '80s film and TV classics.

Now, 15 months on, things are different. Stranger Things returns with almost all the familiar elements in place, the cast, the soundtrack, the humor, the nightmarish imagery, and the references. (This follow-up is like Alien meets The Exorcist meets, obviously, a whole heap of Stephen King.)

We pick up a little under a year since our heroes' lives got flipped-turned Upside Down, though he's now home safe, something is clearly very wrong with Will Byers (Noah Schnapp), a mystery that leads the gang into a battle with new menace The Mind Flayer, an invasive force more powerful, more terrifying and much, much harder to defeat than the Demogorgon.

For the most part, there's a concerted effort here to push the returning characters forward into uncharted territory. As troubled Will, Schnapp gets a lot more screen-time this year a lot more but is happily more than up to the larger demands being

placed on him. David Harbour also gets the chance to fully explore a side of Jim Hopper previously only hinted at, as the police chief struggles with his newfound role as Eleven's adoptive father, and the show's scope widens further to include families for Dustin (Gaten Matarazzo) and Lucas (Caleb McLaughlin) with the latter's scene-stealing sister a delight.

The heart of the first season also very much remains in place, McLaughlin was a little underused last year, but Lucas gets an expanded role and a love interest in season two, while the mutual attraction between Nancy (Natalia Dyer) and Jonathan (Charlie Heaton) bubbles away nicely in the background without ever derailing the mystery thriller narrative.

With Nancy and Jonathan's unrequited love now requited, Joe Kerry's role as Steve Harrington is forced to shift from love rival to comic sidekick / bigger brother figure to the kids, but it's a switch-up that works wonderfully. Eleven also goes on a journey, both literally and metaphorically. Millie Bobby Brown further cements her status here as one of Hollywood's most exciting new talents in a season that drags her to various emotional extremes, even if the continued exploration of the Upside Down and its various terrifying inhabitants is far more intriguing than El's investigation into her own personal history.

Episode 7, 'The Lost Sister', is the season's only major misstep, taking place entirely outside of Hawkins, it removes us from the action and the characters we love at a pivotal point in the narrative, for a standalone outing with Eleven and a gang of youths led by the similarly super-powered Eight (Linnea Berthelson). Keeping El and Mike (Finn Wolfhard) apart for much of the season is another risk, but one that does pay off, with their emotional reunion more than worth the wait. That said, one of the strangest things about this year's Stranger Things is the decision to sideline the character of Mike, the heart and soul of the first season, until the final two episodes of the follow-up.



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# SPONGE FRUIT FLAN

New year 2018 winter is the season for food. If you are jam packing children at home because of cold you should entertain them to keep them happy. Children love to eat desserts as all they want is something sweet all the time. So get set ready to make "SPONGE FRUIT FLAN" for them, which is light, sweet & healthy. The flan is a cake made by using "Air" as a raising agent and the flour is sieved many times to incorporate air. The beating of eggs has to be done clockwise or anti-clock wise. This recipe is using the "Whisking" method to make the cake.

## INGREDIENTS:

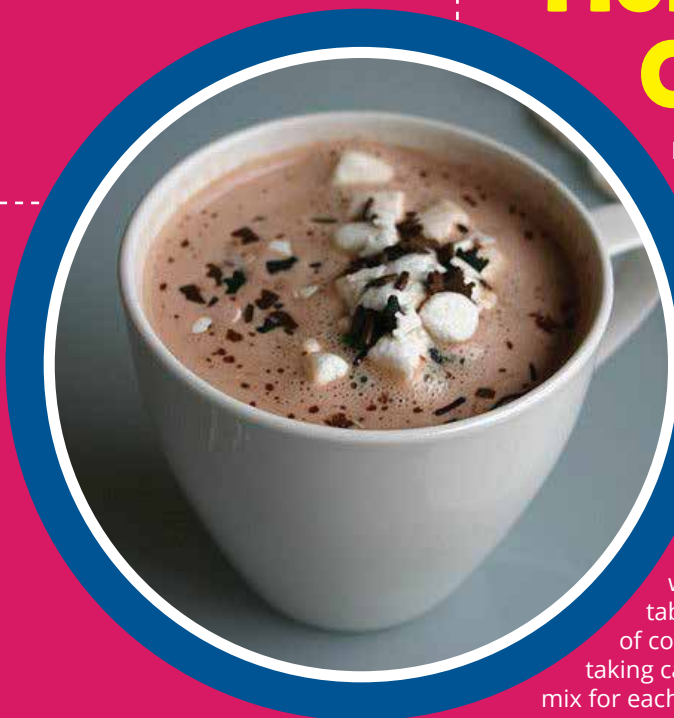
2 Eggs  
2 oz Caster Sugar  
2 oz flour  
1/4 Baking powder  
1 tin black cherries, strawberries or whatever fruit you like.  
1-2 tsp Arrowroot  
1-2 tsp Sugar  
6 oz syrup  
1 packs Whipped cream

## METHOD:

Sieve flour with baking powder at least 3 times on a newspaper. Whisk eggs & sugar until thick. Fold in flour with a metal spoon or spatula. Pour mixture in a tin. Bake it in an oven at 200° for 15- 20 minutes until firm and golden brown. Once, Baked leave it to cool on a wire tray. Drain syrup from the tin to measure 6 oz. Arrange the fruit neatly on the flan case.  
Put sugar, arrowroot & syrup into a small saucepan. Bring to boil, stirring all the time until transparent. Coat the fruit with the glaze. Cool and decorate with whipped cream. And serve.



# Homemade Hot Chocolate



Hot chocolate mix is a wintertime staple. A homemade version is delicious and natural containing only cocoa, sugar and salt, and especially economical compared with store-bought mixes.

## INGREDIENTS

- 3 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 1/4 cups cocoa
- 1 tablespoon table salt
- Whole milk for serving

## INSTRUCTIONS

- In a large bowl, combine sugar, cocoa, and salt, and whisk to combine well. Store the mixture in an airtight container.
- For individual servings, pour 1 cup whole milk into a microwave-safe mug, and microwave on high just until hot. Add 2 tablespoons of cocoa mix, and stir to dissolve. For a larger batch of cocoa, warm the milk in a saucepan set over medium-low heat, taking care not to let the milk boil; as it warms, stir in 2 tablespoons of mix for each cup of milk.

# Beaconhouse Alumni Dinner Lahore 2017

Beaconhouse School System (Central Region) organised the first-ever grand Alumni Dinner at Pearl Continental on December 22, 2017. The event was attended by approximately 600 alumni from batches 1978 to 2017. Beaconhouse Alumni Dinner 2017 was an unforgettable night of reviving old memories, great music and rekindling of friendships. The Chief Guest of the evening was Beaconhouse School System's Chief Executive Mr. Kasim Kasuri. Notable alumni during the event included Barrister Nabeel Dahir, Mr. Moazzam Chaudry and Ms. Zainab Asad Munir. Regional Director Centre Mr. Ali Ahmad Khan welcomed guests at the event and wholeheartedly thanked the alumni for their incredible response. He also outlined how alumni and senior teachers can contribute positively in the society. CEO Beaconhouse School System Mr. Kasim Kasuri, praised BOSS (Beaconhouse Old Student Society) and outlined the need of engaging the wide-spread Alumni community of Beaconhouse School System. He additionally mentioned the need for international and global chapters where the alumni can work together and also contribute in motivating prospective students.



# A-Level Career Pathway Seminar at Gulshan Campus Karachi

A-level Career pathway seminar was held at Gulshan Campus on 9th January 2018. All five A-level campuses were there to facilitate the parents. Parents of class 11 students were invited to attend the seminar as well, so they may also have a glimpse of that choice of careers their children have. More than 300 people attended the Career Pathway seminar, where different individual personalities briefed about their achievements and awards to guide students about their career pathways. Parents appreciated this marvelous effort of instructing authorities towards securing the future of their belongings.





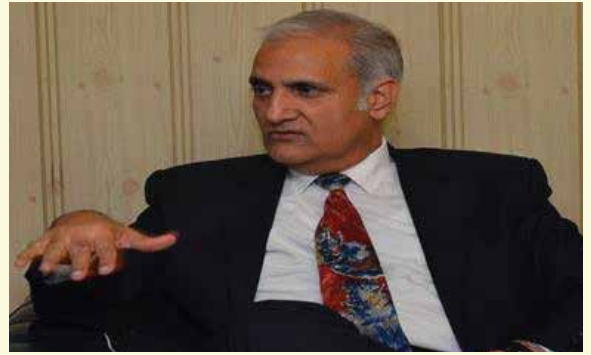
## DA' ART Institute of Art & Design Astonishing Exhibition

DA' ART Institute of Art & Design organized an Exhibition at DA' ART Campus on 6th January 2018 where DA' ART's students displayed, Fine Arts, Design & Multimedia Art Work. More than 40 students participated in the exhibition, and projected their talents in; drawing, painting, calligraphy, photography, digital film making, and kids' art. Audience thoroughly enjoyed this exhibition due to its pleasant features and projections. The Exhibition was inaugurated by the special guests; Mr. Khalid Rehman (Chairman - Skill Development Council Punjab Lahore), and Mr. Nabeel -ur-Rehman (Director - Skill Development Council). Guests were pleasant to see such exceptional efforts by students, while students were gracious toward guests for their appearance in event.



## Punjab University VC Resigns

University of Punjab Vice Chancellor Dr Zafar Moeen resigns from his seat under political pressure. He has sent his resignation letter to Governor Punjab Rafique Rajwana. The VC took charge on December 28, 2016 in the time of distress and unrest at PU. He introduced many new policies and rules, rejecting old tried-and-tested policies which were not working.



## Two Baloch Students of Karachi University Goes Missing

Another Baloch student of Karachi University along with his younger brother has been abducted from their residence in Maddu Goth, located just off of University Road. Previously, another student was 'kidnapped' less than two months ago from Karachi University. Mumtaz, a student of KU's International Relations program, and Kamran, an intermediate graduate, belong to a middle-class family from Balochistan, Khuzdar district. Many civil rights activists and academics protested in sympathy with the abducted persons. They demanded an end to terrible practice of enforced disappearances.



## GC University Celebrated 154 Years with Glory

The Government College University celebrated 154 years of its foundations on Jan 1, 2018 with all of its glory and proud. Celebrations were organized in presence of Vice Chancellor GCU Dr. Hassan Amir Shah and with all senior faculty members. GCU is considered to be, one of the prominent institute of Pakistan, where thousands of young minds start their journey every year.



## "Education is the key" PM while Meeting RCEH

Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi laid huge stress on education in Pakistan and said the education is 'the key to progress'. He further added that age should not be a hurdle for any Pakistani to achieve his or her goal of education. PM Abbasi was in a meeting with students of Rashidabad City of Education and Healthcare (RCEH), at Prime Minister's Office along Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman.

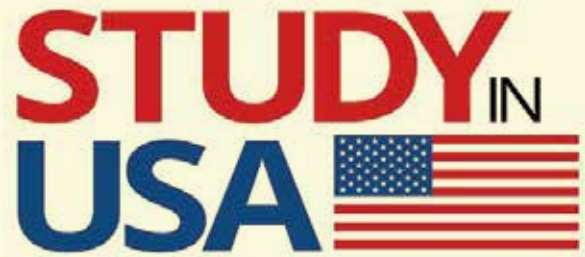
## Pakistan District Education Ranking 2017 by Alif Ailaan

Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) ranks first among eight Pakistani territories with respect to the provision of quality education, according to the Pakistan District Education Rankings 2017 released by Alif Ailaan, an education campaign. AJK is followed by Islamabad Capital Territory, Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) ranks fifth on the list. Sindh and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) have fallen to seventh and eighth positions, respectively, as Balochistan jumped two places from last year's rankings to sixth position.



## Deadline Extended for Scholarship in USA

HEC earlier announced Opportunities for Pakistani Scholars to pursue PhD studies in Top US Universities under US-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor from fall, 2017. Last Date for Submission of Online Applications has been extended for PhD Scholarships in USA under US-PAKISTAN KNOWLEDGE CORRIDOR PHD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM till January 31, 2018.



## 2nd Quaid-e-Azam Inter Provincial Youth Games Islamabad

Syed Sheharyar Ali President PBA (Punjab Baseball Association) receiving souvenir trophy from Mr. Khawar Shah President - Pakistan Federation Baseball (PFB), along with Mr. Mazhar Sheikh (General Secretary - PFB) at 2nd Quaid-e-Azam Inter Provincial Youth Games Islamabad. Syed Khawar Shah President-PFB spent four days and watched all matches. On closing ceremony prize were distributed and he announced that talented youth players from this event will get a chance to be a part of National Baseball Team Camp for Asian Games Jakarta 2018.



## Students of University of Peshawar Protest against Increase in Fee

A union of all political wings, federations and regional organizations of students of University of Peshawar (UOP) staged a protest against annually 10% increase in semester fees. The protesters furthermore demanded the management of university to provide transport facility to students and provide security to the female students against harassment by the staff. A list of demands, primarily focusing on welfare as well as protection of aspirants on the campus, was presented by Mutahidda Tulaba Mahaz to the VC of varsity.



## Supreme Court Bans Admissions into Private Medical Colleges

The Supreme Court of Pakistan has banned admissions in private medical colleges all over Pakistan. The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), Justice Saqib Nisar, heading a two-member bench against fee-hike in private medical colleges, summoned the details of fee structure of all private medical colleges in a "Suo Moto" case, due to enormously high fee structure of private medical and dental colleges.

## DWP Group and LUMS Signed MoU for National Outreach Program

DWP Group and Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the sponsorship of 100% scholarships to the needy students, through the LUMS; National Outreach Program Session 2018. A formal ceremony was organized at LUMS, where the agreement was signed by Mr. Muhammad Farooq Naseem (CEO of DWP Group) and Professor Dr. Sohail Naqvi (Vice Chancellor of LUMS) in presence of other officials from DWP and LUMS.





## Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

**Strengths:** Responsible, disciplined, self-control, good managers

**Weaknesses:** Know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending, expecting the worst

**Capricorn likes:** Family, tradition, music, understated status, quality craftsmanship

**Capricorn dislikes:** Almost everything at some point

**C**apricorn is a sign that represents time and responsibility, and its representatives are traditional and often very serious by nature. These individuals possess an inner state of independence that enables significant progress both in their personal and professional lives. They are masters of self-control and have the ability to lead the way, make solid and realistic plans, and manage many people who work for them at any time. They will learn from their mistakes and get to the top based solely on their experience and expertise.

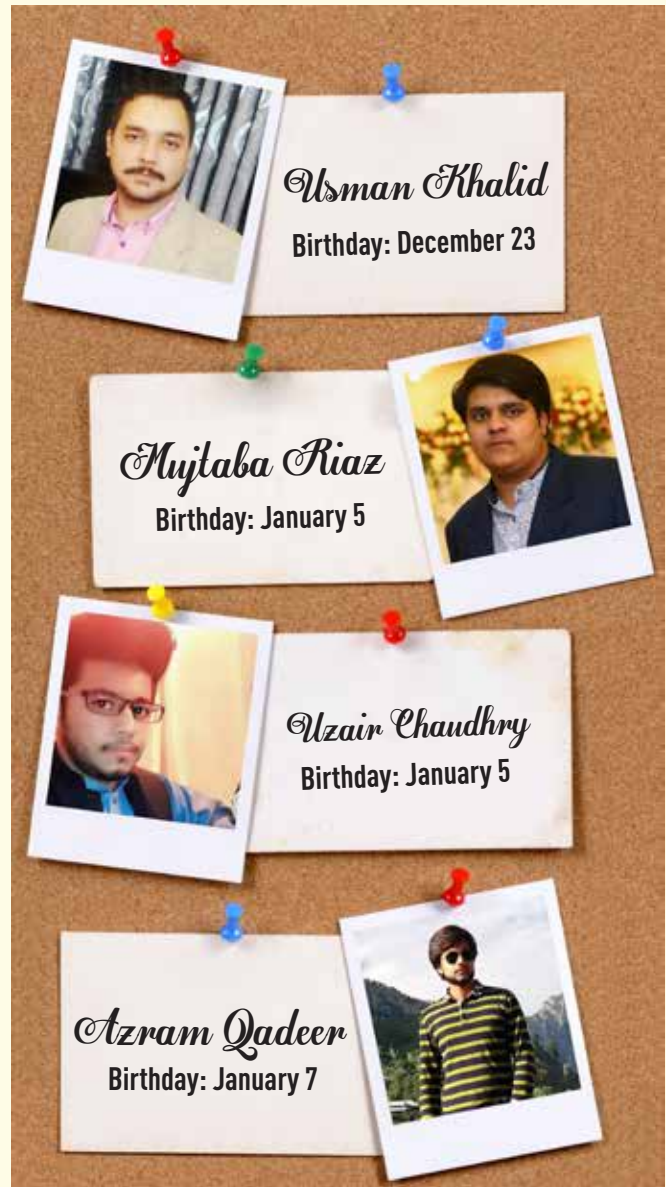
### Capricorn Friends and Family

**Friends** - Capricorn is intelligent, stable and reliable, and this makes its representatives loyal and extremely good friends, standing in one's life as pillars on their way to their dreams. They need to be surrounded by people who don't ask too many nosy questions, know where boundaries are set, but also warm, open-hearted and loyal enough to follow their lead. They will not collect too many friends in this lifetime, but turn to those who make them feel at peace, intelligent and honest at all times.

**Family** - This is a sign with full understanding for family traditions. Capricorns feel connected to every single thing from their past and their childhood, and loves bringing out these memories whenever a season of holidays or birthdays is near. This is a sign of a typical conflict one has over dominance in their household, with their father being and extremely important figure in the way this person built their self-image over the years.

### Capricorn Career and Money

Capricorns will set high standards for themselves, but their honesty, dedication and perseverance will lead them to their goals. They value loyalty and hard work over all other things, and keep associates with these qualities close even when they might be intellectually inferior.



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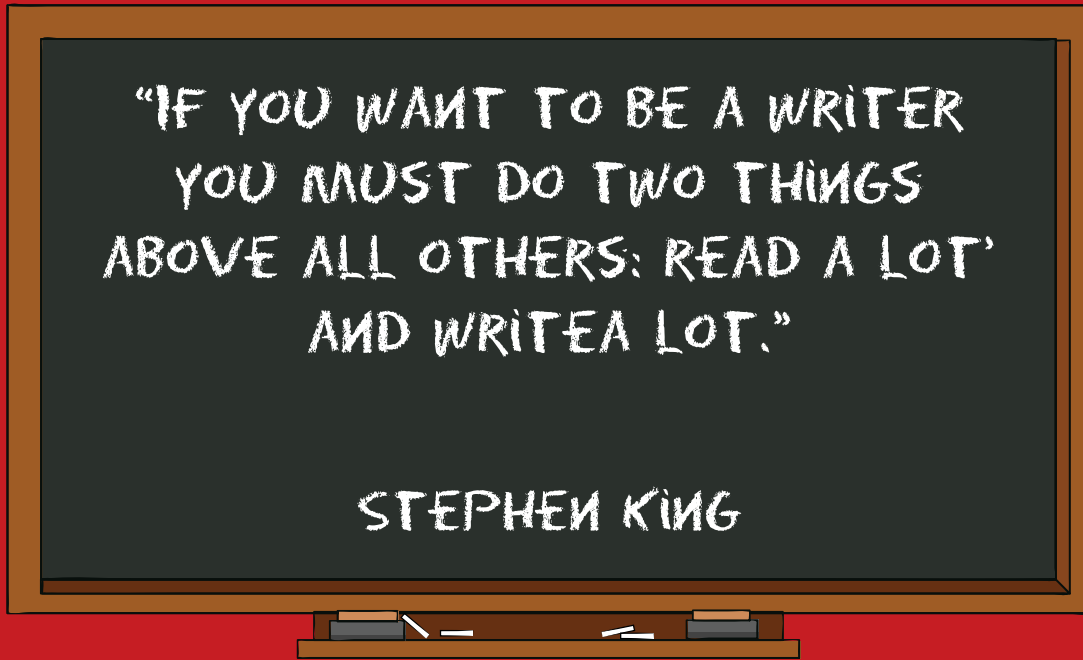
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# TOP 5 GADGETS OF 2017

## Nintendo Switch



Nintendo Switch, the first console that's truly designed for both at-home and on-the-go entertainment. The Switch consists of a tablet with a 6.2-inch screen with slots for attaching Nintendo's Joy-Con controllers on either side, turning it into a handheld video game machine. But when you're at home, you can slide the slate into a dock that hooks up to your TV and play it like a traditional console. That "play anywhere, anytime" approach, combined with a stellar games roster, from the recently launched Super Mario Odyssey to The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, makes the Switch a true knockout.

## Apple iPhone X



iPhone X's edge-to-edge screen and facial recognition system will undoubtedly set a new standard for phones to come. For one, Apple's Face ID system, even despite the security concerns, is already being used in more creative ways than Samsung's facial identification tech. Third-party apps like Snapchat and Warby Parker are taking advantage of the iPhone X's face-mapping technology to project realistic masks over your eyes or select glasses that suit your face's shape. That combined with a sharp camera, long battery life, and large screen packed into a more palatable size, make Apple's iPhone X a top pick.

## Microsoft Surface Laptop



Microsoft's first crack at a real laptop (not a tablet-notebook hybrid) is a real winner. Between its light and elegant design, sharp screen, and long-lasting battery, the Surface Laptop is solid choice for anyone seeking a new Windows computer. Microsoft is positioning the Surface Laptop as a showpiece for Windows 10 S, the newer version of Windows that can only run programs from Microsoft's app store. With Windows 10 S, Microsoft is essentially hoping to bring to Windows machines what Google has done for Chrome books: making the software simpler to allow for faster performance, more battery life, and better security.

## DJI Spark



DJI's palm-sized drone is a big step in the direction of making drones easier and more convenient for the average person. The Spark's standout feature is that it doesn't require a remote control for navigation. Just tap the button on the back of the drone twice, and it will prepare to take off from the palm of your hand. You can also pilot the Spark with your hand, prompting it to fly higher, lower, or in a certain direction with a wave of your arm.

## Xbox One X



If you're still not convinced that the days of buying large, cumbersome consoles to get the best gaming performance are over, look no further than the Xbox One X. Microsoft's latest console crams six teraflops and native 4K gaming support into a sleek package, making it the choice console for players who want screaming performance for less than the price of a high-end gaming PC.



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