

## MAYO COLLEGE OLD BOYS' SOCIETY, AJMER

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Dear Old Boys',

I take this opportunity to thank all for electing me as the President of the Old Boys society. I was humbled by the overwhelming support and outpouring of affection. I do hope to make a change and get all the Chapters working together for our common goal of uniting the Mayo alumni around the world into a meaningful network. The first task was to update the database which has been a herculean task and would not have been possible without the unstinted inputs from all the chapters. The data compilation is a work in progress and I would request all to pass the word around for the old boys to register with us and update their records. Hence the long delay in this first message.

At the outset I would like to place on record my thanks to the outgoing President Thakur Umaid Singhji Santha and his executive committee for all the hard work and the platform they have left us to move forward with. We in the Executive committee will strive to work to bring all the alumni together on a single platform.

Having spent the last nine months interacting very closely with the Old boys and Director Mayo College Lt Gen SH Kulkarni, PVSM, AVSM, VSM\*\* (Retd), who is himself an old boy. The following points have been thrown up.

1. The Old boys are the ambassadors of the school and we are expected to behave as such.
2. With the changing milieu and the advent of the 21<sup>st</sup> century we also have to evolve and play a supporting role to the school.
3. The old boys' database was missing which hampered the networking activities of the old boys. Hopefully we have addressed this to some extent and we strive to continue updating it. Our thanks to all the chapters who have shared their databases with us.
4. The OBS is in the process of launching a new website which would be more interactive. We will inform you of the launch and would request you to go and register on it.
5. Encourage more old boys to visit the school with their families, and also encourage more batches to meet in school. We have already reached out to the batches we got to know are planning their reunions in school for any assistance they would require in Ajmer/Rajasthan.
6. Plan and support more sporting activities of the old boys to bring about bonding across age groups. The OBS is of now sponsoring the annual Mayo football Tournament held in the school every year and also the kit of the mayo team for the Alumni Cricket Bash (ACB), being held in Scindia School at Gwalior, later in the year. This is in addition to the Annual MARS football tournaments being held for the last 12 years.
7. Convince more old boys to send their children to the school to continue the wonderful tradition. To this end the Director's vision 2020 document will be uploaded for all to gain knowledge of it.

8. The first day of the prize giving 02 Dec 2016 will be the Old boys' day. A special assembly and group photographs will be arranged for the batches having their reunions. The detailed programme will follow.
9. This will be the first year we will be sending e-invites for the prize giving. There will be starting hiccups but I am sure with everyone's support we will make it a success.
10. You all will be pleased to learn that the OBS is organising an event called "Deja Vu" from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016. The school and its facilities will be thrown open to the alumni and their families for three days in which we invite you all to attend and relive your school days. The details will be circulated shortly.
11. The Director has instituted an Old boy's lecture series. We request the maximum Old boys to participate to share their experiences/ideas with the students. A summary of the programme is given for your reference. Maximum participation is requested.
12. **Aug 2016**. 06 and 27 Aug.
13. **Sep 2016**. 10 Sep.
14. **Oct 2016**. 08 and 22 Oct.
15. **Nov 2016**. 05 and 12 Nov.
16. **Jan 2017**. 21 Jan.
17. **Feb 2017**. 11 Feb.
18. **Mar 2017**. 04 Mar.
19. **Apr 2017**. 08 and 22 Apr.
20. The key area the Director needs help is in the field of sport's coaching. The request is not to institute any more trophies, but help in setting up scholarships/sports coaching funds.
21. The school is constructing the Kangra amphitheatre designed by our own Abhimanyu Dalal. The Alumni can have their names inscribed on a plaque for a payment of Rs 11,000/-, on a first come served basis. 500 plaques are available.

To achieve all this we will need to encourage more interaction within the alumni so that we can make meaningful network a reality. We have had instances of boys returning to school for their reunions being presently surprised with the progress made and they have rued having been misled. We are an open society and would encourage you all to reach out to us. We have an Old Boy at the helm and we will have no better opportunity to take the school forward together. I on my behalf and that of the OBS executive committee I promise transparency and an honest interaction within our community.

Please feel free to write to me with your thoughts and suggestions on (email id) as I will look forward to them.

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