



# **IBNE SINA COLLEGE**

## **Senior Student's Welcome Address Muhammad Haris Class O3**

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It is strange how some memories of the distant past remain so clear in ones mind even after many years. The memory of my first day at Ibne Sina, when I was admitted to the Nursery Class, is an example. As I entered the College premises my mother held my hand, which was reassuring, but I knew that she would not be with me all day. Surrounded by many new faces, young and old, I was apprehensive. As soon as my mother left, I started to cry with fear, fear of the unknown. After 12 happy years here I know that my fears were wrong. The place I had entered was going to be no less than a “heaven on earth” for me. A place where I would not only be educated academically, but also be taught the way to live my life as a good human being, a good Muslim and a patriotic Pakistani.

Ibne Sina College provides a code of conduct, awards, punishments and behavioural strategies appropriate for the regulation of students conduct and maintenance of order at school. It's aim is to create a safe and conducive environment in the classroom. Corporal punishment is not allowed. Students are taught moral and ethical values, to be true to their beliefs, honest in their efforts, bold, courageous and willing to take responsibility for their actions. Awards are given annually to students not only for excelling in academics but also for excelling in the practice of human values.

Our beloved homeland Pakistan is currently passing through a very difficult period. Elders tell us that it is worse than in 1971, when the country broke up. They tell us that all is lost, and that as citizens of a failing state we have no future. But, we the coming generation of Pakistanis are the hope of tomorrow and our resolve to work hard and improve things is strong. History tells us that the Muslims of the sub-continent were faced with a somewhat similar situation in the years following the failure of the 1857 War of Independence, which threw the entire Muslim community into a state of despondency, self negation and loss of confidence in their future under British rule. Sir Syed Ahmad emerged from this community to boost their spirits by showing them the way to regain all they had lost. His prescription was simple – “Educate yourselves”, and it did not take long to succeed. The way out of the present state of despair for Pakistanis is to apply Sir Syed's formula. It is only through the acquisition of knowledge and its honest and vigorous application can we young Pakistanis be able to do what is necessary in this regard. We are confident that, with Allah's help, we will succeed in making Pakistan the country its Founders said it would be.

The State having given up its responsibility to educate us, we are thankful to privately funded educational institutions that are partly filling the gap. They charge a lot of money, but at least deliver most of what they promise. Ibne Sina College is a good example of this service. With its balanced emphasis on academics and co-curricular activities and conservative, nationalistic approach, it stands out us a beam of light in the otherwise dismal state of school education in Pakistan. We the students of Ibne Sina, are thankful to Allah for giving us the opportunity of getting our basic “Taleem and Tarbiat” in such a school.

Thank you Teachers, all of you, from Nursery to O-3, who have taught, or are teaching at Ibne Sina. The College's consistently excellent Matric and O Level examination results in past years are proof of your high quality. Thank you Ibne Sina College – for teaching us how to live, to be brave in defeat and humble in victory, to love and respect others and to strive for excellence in all fields, even at the cost of success.