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KOLEJ TUANKU JA'AFAR



Rahman House

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# Message from Director of Houses, Mr Hamish Farquharson



The inspiration for KTJ stemmed from the Founders' experience attending British boarding schools. Their vision of creating a school that encapsulated the strengths and values of a British boarding education, infused with the vitality of Malaysian culture, remains as strong today as it was in 1989. Boarding and the house system are the jewels in Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar's crown, the "secret sauce" that helps our students grow and flourish, and allows the school to provide a truly holistic education.

Our dedicated and experienced Houseparents are devoted to creating a safe, harmonious space that is warm, homely, and nurturing. They, along with their teams, serve as role models for the young men and women in their care. Our houses, both day and boarding, are essential settings to manifest the three key ideals from our school song: loyalty, learning, and leadership. Through the house system, students build a deep loyalty to one another and to their house—a loyalty that's manifested through sport and competition and endures well into adulthood. The house is also a place of learning, where students study and collaborate daily, with support from seniors and house staff. And through the house system comes leadership, with the independence and resilience fostered by boarding life providing a multitude of opportunities for our boys and girls to transform into young men and women who lead their peers with confidence, élan, and pride.

## **Director of Houses:**

Mr Hamish Farquharson

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# The Rahman House Team



**House Parent:**

**Mr Andrew Chessell**

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*Welcome to Rahman House!  
KTJ's Senior Day House.*

It's a real pleasure to introduce myself as the House Parent of Rahman House. Now in my second year in post, I've had the privilege of working alongside a fantastic and dedicated tutor team to support our senior day students and help shape a warm, inclusive, and respectful house culture. We're especially excited about the opening of our new facilities in October 2025, an inspiring space that will be well worth the wait!

I joined KTJ in August 2024 after twelve fulfilling years at Rugby School in the UK, where I served as Artistic Director before becoming Housemaster of Town House, Rugby's day house for boys, for seven rewarding years. My time at Rugby deepened my belief in a pastoral approach that places student wellbeing and personal growth at its core. When students feel safe, supported, and encouraged, they are empowered to thrive, both academically and personally.

From August 2025, I will also be taking on the role of House Parent for Naquiah Day House too, and I'm genuinely excited about the opportunity to unify the pastoral vision for all day students at KTJ. This dual role allows for a consistent and caring approach to student wellbeing, supporting them from their early years in Naquiah through to their senior experience in Rahman.

I'm delighted to be working alongside Ms Joanne Saunders, Assistant House Parent of Rahman House, whose warmth and dedication are a tremendous asset to our students. Together with our tutor team and House Captains, we aim to foster a house culture that is vibrant, inclusive, and rooted in kindness—where every student feels known, valued, and inspired to flourish.

Here's to a fantastic year!

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## **Assistant House Parent: Ms Joanne Saunders**

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I have been part of KTJ's House community since 2019 and have enjoyed taking part in many co-curricular events that happen across the school during the academic year and watching students grow throughout their time at the school. I am originally from a small coastal town in the UK and enjoy anything on or in the water!! I love life in Malaysia, especially being able to travel around Asia and the amazing food! I am looking forward to the new academic year as part of the Rahman House team!



## **House Tutor: Ms Julie-Anne Davies**

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Welcome to Rahman House! I am Ms Julie and am looking forward to working alongside you over the coming year. I am really excited to be part of the Senior Day House team at KTJ, being able to support and encourage you in all your endeavours. KTJ is a great place with lots of opportunities and activities to get involved in throughout the year; there is a buzzing atmosphere. As a previous Boarding House tutor, I find it is always an honour to see students rise to the challenge, lead the way for others and flourish via the many avenues offered here. In addition to teaching, I have many years of pastoral experience behind me and want to encourage you all to capture the essence of KTJ and realise your full potential as one of your tutors.

*Here's to an exciting year ahead!*

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## House Tutor: Moorthi Velu

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I am Moorthi Velu and I have more than twenty years of experience as a tutor in Imran and Nadzimuddin House. I am really happy to join the Rahman House team at KTJ and assist the house in various aspects. As a tutor, I have the opportunity to support and mentor students in their personal, sports, and academic development. I can also contribute to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment in the boarding house. This involves fostering a sense of community, promoting respect, and ensuring that all students feel valued. The role of a tutor is also a great opportunity for my own personal and professional growth.

## House Captains: Roxana & Nai Jac



It's a huge honour to be one of your house captains for the 2025-2026 school year. Welcome to Rahman house! Our house is a friendly and vibrant community, full of laughter and good times. But we're also here for each other during tough times, offering gentle support during exams and other challenges. We can't wait to welcome all new members with open arms as you begin your adventure as a KTJ student. With our upcoming refurbishments, Rahman house will be a solid place you can call home. I look forward to the friendships and memories we'll make together!



I want to extend a warm welcome to you all at the Rahman house, the school's central hub. As one of your house captains, I believe our house is a community built on love, humility, joy, and respect. It's a place for every student to feel welcome, whether you're anxious, facing problems, or just need a place to relax. With our recent renovations, we now offer modern hospitality, encouraging everyone to make friends and share memories. I am truly excited to meet you and work together to create a respectful and responsible environment for our community.



# Rahman House

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