



KTJ PRIMARY
SECONDARY
KOLEJ TUANKU JA'AFAR



Imran 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.

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The Imran House Team



House Parent:

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Welcome to Imran House! I am incredibly excited to return to Imran in August and share a hand, with the fantastic team of staff, in moulding an incredible group of young men.

Since joining KTJ in 2018, I've served as Assistant Head of Secondary, initially overseeing Student Outcomes and later focusing on Lower Secondary. I was lucky enough to be a tutor in an great team at Imran before moving over to Naquiah Day House, and so the chance to come back to the home of the Pink Panther was too good to turn down. Imran's house spirit is second to none - hard working academically, a band of brothers on the sports pitch and singing with one voice, of course, as the reigning House Singing champions.

In addition to my pastoral responsibilities, I teach History and work as a team evaluator for the Council of International Schools, having participated in, and led twelve school accreditation visits. As I step into the role of Director of Houses as well as House Parent of this great house, I'm particularly excited by the opportunity to uphold the founders' vision—a school that embodies the strengths and values of a British boarding education, enriched by the vibrancy of Malaysian culture.

Moving forward as House Parent, I would like to recognise the hard work of the team around me - Mrs Eileen Hughes, Mr Jesse Tan, Mr Conor O'Rourke, and Mr Sonam, as well as the house parents who have gone before - in recent years, Mr David Hughes, Mr Anthony Catto and Mr Jerry Catto. Without them, this house would not be what it is today.

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Resident Tutor: Mr Jesse Tan

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Welcome to Imran house! My name is Jesse. I teach swimming in the Primary and Secondary School. I have been with KTJ for over 15 years. I was born and raised in this lovely town, Mantin. I like sports, especially swimming and basketball. Sometimes, I go hiking too. During the school holiday, I enjoy spending time with my family at home and traveling around Malaysia. I am glad to be the Resident Tutor in Imran house. The house spirit is so strong and all the students are brothers to each other. I always enjoy watching the boys cheering and supporting each other in the inter house competitions. I feel grateful to be part of the house of the pink panther!



Resident Tutor: Conor O'Rourke

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Hi, my name is Conor, and I studied BA Geography at the University of Portsmouth, before graduating in 2013 and joining the Metropolitan Police Service. Based in Central London as a police constable for seven years, I worked as an emergency response officer and as a domestic violence investigator on the safeguarding unit. In 2020, I decided to change my career and become a teacher. In my spare time, I enjoy watching and playing rugby as well as supporting the mighty Luton Town FC. I regularly visit my brother in London and family in the Republic of Ireland. I am very excited to join the Imran Boarding Team, and can't wait to see what fantastic things our House achieves this year.

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House Coordinator: Ms Eileen Hughes

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Hi! I am Ms Eileen and I come from Ireland originally, although I moved to London as a teenager to undertake my studies at King's College. I graduated in 2000 and worked as an intensive care specialist nurse at King's College Hospital before emigrating to Australia. There I continued to work in health care. After moving to Malaysia in 2016, I initially joined KTJ as a Learning Assistant in the Primary School, supporting students who are now in university! After this I worked as a Patient Liaison Officer for KPJ, Ampang but I am really looking forward to continuing as Imran's House Coordinator.



House Captain: Coehn

As a student who only started boarding last year, I did not know what to expect coming into KTJ. Now I can confidently state that KTJ is more than an education, it's an experience in itself I have the honour to take part in. Events, competitions and boarding houses catalyse your friendships within the year and I quickly found myself accustomed to living in KTJ, even calling it my home. Particularly in Imran, a house of around 70+ boys. I am constantly surrounded by loving, humorous and intelligent people, all whom I have to thank for a wonderful boarding experience.

Imran has taught me patience, understanding, teamwork, leadership and so much more. It was because of the people and spirit of Imran that I was inspired to apply for House captain, with dreams to share this home and house future generations of independent men. For those set to join Imran, we welcome you with open arms and we're thrilled to have you.



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