



KTJ PRIMARY
SECONDARY
KOLEJ TUANKU JA'AFAR



Jawahir House

2025 - 26

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 Jawahir House Team



House Parent:

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Hi! I'm thrilled to be stepping into the role of House Parent for Jawahir starting August 2025!

Since joining KTJ in 2021, I've had the privilege of serving as a resident house tutor and, more recently, as Houseparent of Naquiah House. These past years have been incredibly rewarding, they've shown me the importance of creating a home where students feel safe, seen, and supported, and where they can truly grow into their own.

Now, I'm excited to bring that same passion, energy, and care into the senior boarding experience. I understand that the senior years come with new challenges and greater independence, and I'm committed to helping each student navigate this important chapter with confidence, resilience, and joy. Whether it's managing academics, friendships, or future aspirations, I'll be here to support and cheer them on every step of the way.

Originally from Kelantan, Malaysia, I've completely fallen for the KTJ campus. It's not just beautiful, it's inspiring. Outside of house life, you'll often find me playing sports (badminton, swimming, or even a bit of climbing at school!), exploring new hobbies, or travelling especially on diving trips whenever I get the chance. As the saying goes, "To travel is to live", every new experience offers a chance to grow! That's why I feel especially connected to Jawahir's mascot, the dolphin — intelligent, graceful, and full of spirit. As a passionate ocean lover and certified advanced open water diver, the dolphin feels like a perfect match!

I look forward to learning and growing alongside our students, and to working closely with the dedicated house team and supportive parents to make Jawahir a vibrant, caring, and empowering place to call home. Here's to an unforgettable year ahead with dolphins and purple, our elegant house colour, leading the way!

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Resident Tutor: Ms Shafizah Abdul Rahim

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Salam Sejahtera! My name is Shafizah Abdul Rahim. Previously, I was an Art Teacher in KTJ in 2010. It brings me immense joy to return to this esteemed school even after a remarkable span of 13 years. I am passionate about education and helping students reach their full potential. In my free time, I enjoy painting, coaching and cooking. I believe that a well-rounded life is important for students, and I encourage them to pursue their passions and interests outside of their academic studies. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and I am excited for the year ahead. Jawa girls, see you soon.



Visiting Tutor: Ms Anna Moss

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Hello! I am Ms Anna and I have been a tutor in Jawahir since 2019. I am from South-West England but for the last 12 years I have lived in Brazil and Kenya. I am a class teacher in the Primary School and feel very fortunate to be involved in KTJ's vibrant community. I thoroughly enjoy my tutor role within Jawahir house and supporting our students in their everyday lives. Within Jawahir, there is a great sense of belonging and house spirit which comes alive during our house events! I love living in Malaysia and in my spare time I like to read, enjoy Asia's wonderful food and to travel around this part of the globe. I am looking forward to welcoming you to the Jawahir family and getting to know you all soon.

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House Coordinator: Ms Norain Amran
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Apa Khabar! I am Miss Ain. I am excited to take on the role of Jawahir House Coordinator this year. I joined KTJ in October 2020 as a receptionist, where I gained valuable experience interacting with students, parents and staff on a daily basis. In January 2022, I transitioned into a matron role within the boarding house, allowing me to work more closely with the boarding students, I am well-equipped to support our boarding students in this new capacity.

During my time as a matron, I developed strong relationships with the students and a deep understanding of their needs and experiences in boarding. I am looking forward to working even more closely with the Jawahir students as the House Coordinator. I am committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive and enriching environment for all students in Jawahir House. See you soon!

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House Captains: Nadia and Khadijah

Welcome to Jawahir, the house of dolphins!

We're Nadia and Khadijah, your house captains for 2025/26, and we're so excited to welcome you to our purple sisterhood. From settling in to juggling KTJ's packed schedule and diving into inter-house events, we'll be right here to guide you through it all.

Nadia's been here since Year 7, so she knows what it's like to adjust to boarding life, especially when everything feels new. She's always happy to lend a hand (or a snack), whether you're in need of a heart-to-heart or just a good laugh. A football fanatic and Sunday regular at the tennis courts, she's your go-to if you're ever looking for a sports buddy.

Whether you are in search of a deep conversation, karaoke sessions in the TV room or hours of dancing to Just Dance videos to destress, Khadijah is there for you. Being well acquainted with the feeling of being in a new environment away from family, her room is always open for anyone to hang out, confide in or simply just rant about anything. You can always find her up to something random (like doing handstands or cartwheels on the fields) and can always count on her for a fun time!

Jawahir isn't just a house—it's a family. A home away from home. And now it's yours too. We can't wait for you to make memories, find your rhythm, and truly live the Jawa (and KTJ!) experience.



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