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Naquiah Day 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:**

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# The Naquiah Day House Team



**House Parent:**

**Mr Andrew Chessell**

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*It's a real pleasure to introduce myself as the new House Parent of Naquiah Day House.*

I joined KTJ in 2024 after twelve rewarding 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 fulfilling years. My time at Rugby taught me the immense value of a caring and consistent pastoral approach—one that places the wellbeing and personal growth of each student at its heart. I believe that a nurturing environment, where students feel safe, supported, and encouraged, is the foundation for both academic success and personal development.

In August 2024, I was honoured to be appointed Director of Day House Strategy at KTJ, and I now also serve as House Parent for Rahman House. I'm especially excited about the opportunity to present a unified and inclusive vision for our day students across both Naquiah and Rahman, celebrating their individuality while fostering a strong sense of belonging and pride in their house communities. I look forward to working closely with Assistant House Parent, Mr Moss, our dedicated tutor team, and our fantastic House Captains, Yunha and Joseph, to ensure every student feels known, valued, and inspired to thrive. Together, we aim to build a house culture that is respectful, inclusive, and rooted in kindness.

I'm also delighted to share that my wife, Dr Rachel Higdon has joined KTJ this year as Deputy Head of English. We're both looking forward to getting to know the students and families who make this school so special, and to contributing to the warm, vibrant community that defines KTJ.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

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## Assistant House Parent: Mr Peter Moss

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*As an active member of the KTJ community, I'd like to take this opportunity to share a little about my background and the passion I bring to supporting your child in Naquiah Day House – a true Pastel Blue!*

Growing up in North Staffordshire and Cheshire. I am of Caribbean heritage and have over 20 years of experience in Physical Education and Sport, I've been privileged to serve in leadership, teaching, coaching and pastoral roles across in the USA, UK, Brazil, and Kenya. Since joining KTJ in 2017 and spending the past seven enriching years as part of the Naquiah Day family, I've worked to help shape a vibrant and inclusive environment for our students. These eight years at KTJ have been both rewarding and enriching.

My passions include teaching, coaching, training and competing at the international level in the 70.3 age group world championships. I've also had the incredible honour of playing football at the international level as well, which has fuelled my lifelong belief in the power of 'any passion' to inspire, challenge, and unify.

At KTJ, I'm especially proud to support our NQHD students as they settle into the foundations of secondary school life. I truly see this stage as the root system—nurturing growth academically, socially, and emotionally. My 'drive' has always been to help our young learners build strong foundations, from which they can branch out and thrive throughout their journey here.

It remains a privilege to guide your children during these meaningful and important years - Sporting and Naquiah Day wishes!

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## House Tutor: Mr Khairul Hilmi

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Hi everyone, and welcome! My name is Khairul, and I work in the Design & Technology (DT) department. You'll often see me in the DT room helping with tools, machines, and projects. If you ever need help with anything in DT — or even around school — feel free to ask. I'm always happy to help! Last year's NQHD students were a really great group — friendly, fun, and supportive of each other. I hope this year will be the same or even better for all of you. It's a place where you'll make new friends, have fun, and grow together. If you're ever unsure, need something, or just want to chat, there's always someone here to support you. We want you to feel happy, safe, and enjoy your time here. Looking forward to seeing you around — especially in DT!



## House Tutor: Ms Katherine Cooper

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Welcome to Naquiah Day House everyone in Year7! (And if you're moving up into Year8, welcome back!) It is my great pleasure to continue working as a House Tutor in the best house at KTJ!

Now, a little bit about me. I'm an English Teacher here at KTJ, and am heavily involved in the Arts (I was Assistant Director for our fabulous school musical Shrek, and I also sing in the school choir). Outside of work, I love to travel, am a foodie and love swimming. Oh, and I also have a cute pet rabbit named Oreo who I talk about way too much. I absolutely love NQHD and will happily play Exploding Kittens or Jenga with you if you ask, or will try to slay you at pool...

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**House Tutor: Ms Shafiqah Al-Shafieq**  
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I am from Melaka and graduated with First Class Honours in Education and TESOL from the University of Nottingham. I am working towards a master's in education with a focus on sustainable education. As an English teacher and learning support educator, I am passionate about creating inclusive spaces where students feel safe, supported, and valued. Outside the classroom, I love painting and hold a black belt in taekwondo.

## House Captains: Yunha and Joseph



I'm really excited to be your new House Captain this year! It's a huge honour to be able to represent Naquiah Day, and I can't wait to help lead us through all the fun upcoming events, challenges and house competitions ahead! I'm passionate about teamwork, school spirit and making sure everyone feels included - whether you love playing sports, music, art, or just cheering for the team on the sidelines. My goal all throughout the year is to help our house stay united, positive, and always giving our best, even if we win or lose. Go Scorpions!



I'm really proud to be your new House Captain this year. It's an incredible honour to represent our house, and I'm super excited for all the events, challenges, and competitions we have ahead! I'm really passionate about teamwork and school spirit, and I want to make sure everyone feels welcome and included—whether you're into sports, music, art, or just cheering your friends on from the sidelines. My goal is to help our house stay united, positive, and always try our best, no matter what the outcome. A bit about me: I'm 12 years old and in Form 2 (Year 8). I've been part of KTJ since Early Years, and I love being involved in our school community. In my free time, I enjoy drawing, playing basketball, football, and squash. As House Captain, I'm here to cheer you on, help organise fun activities, and support everyone to get involved. Let's work hard, lift each other up, and—most importantly—have 'serious' fun along the way!



# The Naquiah Day House

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