KTJ PRIMARY SECONDARY

KOLEJ TUANKU JA'AFAR



Jawahir House

2026-27

Message from Head 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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Entering my second year as House Parent of Jawahir, it has been a pleasure to witness our students continue to flourish, support one another, and contribute to the vibrant spirit of our House.

Since joining KTJ in 2021, I've had the privilege of serving as a resident house tutor, as Houseparent of Naquiah House, and now in my second year as Houseparent of Jawahir House. These experiences have been incredibly rewarding, reinforcing the importance of creating a home where students feel safe, valued, and supported, and where they can grow in confidence, character, and independence.

As I continue my journey with Jawahir, I remain committed to bringing the same passion, energy, and care to our senior boarding community. The senior years bring new opportunities, challenges, and greater independence, and it is a privilege to support students as they navigate this important stage of their lives with confidence, resilience, and joy. Whether they are managing academics, friendships, leadership responsibilities, or planning for the future, I am always here to encourage and support them 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 brings an opportunity to learn and grow. That is one of the reasons I feel such a strong connection 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 another year of learning and growing alongside our students, and to continuing our partnership with the dedicated house team and supportive parents in making Jawahir a vibrant, caring, and empowering place to call home. Here's to another memorable year ahead, with our dolphins and purple, our elegant house colour, continuing to lead 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 llike 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 continue in 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 Captain: Joanna

Welcome to Jawahir!

I'm Joanna, your House Captain for 2026/27, and I couldn't be more excited to welcome you to Jawahir. I can't wait to get to know each and every one of you and make this year one to remember.

Life at KTJ will keep you on your toes, from unpacking, settling into lessons, and making new friends to rushing off for afternoon house training every day. It may feel overwhelming at first, but don't worry, you won't have to face it alone. I'm here to support you through every challenge, celebrate every achievement, and remind you that you're never alone.

Having only joined KTJ in January, I know exactly how it feels to be the "new person." I had to build friendships from scratch, adapt to a new academic environment, try sports I'd never played before, and get used to boarding life in what felt like half the time. If you're ever homesick, stressed, or simply need someone to listen while sharing unlimited snacks, you'll always find me just a few rooms away.

There's never a dull moment in Jawahir. Looking for a place to unwind? Come to the pantry, it's my favourite spot! Some of the best memories are made over home-cooked meals, laughter, and late-night heart-to-heart conversations.

Jawahir isn't just a house, it's a home. Purple dolphins may not exist, but this family certainly does. Once you become part of Jawahir, you'll always have a place where you belong.

Once a Purple, always a Purple!



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