









Sixth Form

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We are dedicated to meet the ethics and quality assurance prescribed by these organisations, and to continuously improve our practices.



Our vision, mission and values are at the core of our KTJ identity and provide the direction for all our endeavours.

Vision

To be the school of choice in South East Asia, empowering students to become responsible leaders of a sustainable, global community.

Mission

To nurture our diverse learning community, providing a holistic, British-style day and boarding school education in a Malaysian setting.

Values

Integrity Empathy Mutual Respect

History of Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar

Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar was founded in 1989 by members of the Negeri Sembilan Royal Family. Their vision was to create a school which encapsulated the strengths and values of a British boarding education, infused with the vitality of Malaysian culture.

The formation of KTJ was a game changer in the Malaysian education landscape, paving the way for holistic education which balances academic excellence with character development. The concept gained support from the Ministry of Education and the corporate sector. 17 companies in Malaysia believed that the vision of the founders would add value to the education ecosystem and stepped forward to provide the initial loans for the construction of the School.

The pioneer team, led by our first Principal, Laurence (Laurie) Rimmer, laid the physical and academic foundations for the School and in 1991 we welcomed our first students. They comprised mainly Malaysian students and international expatriate children whose parents worked in Malaysia. Our international student enrolment grew in tandem with our reputation, and today KTJ has students from over 24 countries.

KTJ is a fully accredited international day and boarding school. The School is more than just its physical buildings and facilities. KTJ offers a great experience to our students, whose horizons are broadened in a healthy, supportive and academically-challenging environment. We promote an international outlook that will have a lasting impact on students. As KTJ continues to evolve, we remain

steadfast in our commitment to provide a first-class, holistic education to our students. Our rigorous academic curriculum and range of extra-curricular activities are not only kept relevant but are underpinned by the School's values of integrity, empathy, and mutual respect. As a result, we are proud to say that our alumni have graduated from KTJ as kind, independent, forward-thinking individuals who have gone on to **Make It** in an impressive range of fields all over the world.



The Founders' Vision



YAM TUNKU NAQUIYUDDIN IBNI ALMARHUM TUANKU JA'AFAR



YAM TUNKU DARA TAN SRI NAQUIAH BINTI ALMARHUM TUANKU JA'AFAR



YAM TUNKU TAN SRI IMRAN IBNI ALMARHUM TUANKU JA'AFAR

The inspiration for KTJ was the Founders' experiences of attending British boarding schools. The strength of this education set them up for a future in academics, personal development, knowledge, sports and other interests.

In 1989, they established Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar, named after their beloved father, who was Malaysia's 10th Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the then ruler of Negeri Sembilan.

Many aspects of KTJ today are the result of our Founders' vision. We are a not-for-profit school and, as a charity, we are not required to pay tax. As such, all fees are channelled to ensure we provide the highest quality of education to our students. This underscores the unwavering intent of the Founders to maximise the life-changing impact of good education.

The wide-ranging experience of the Founders continues to shape the direction of the School. Tunku Naquiyuddin's work in the area of business sustainability is reflected in our School's blueprint for a sustainable future, Vision 2030. We are also mindful of our impact on the environment, and aim to become carbon neutral by 2025.

Tunku Imran's passion and extensive experience in sports, be it locally or on the regional and international platforms, has greatly influenced KTJ's extensive extra-curricular activities, particularly in our broad range of sports options.

Tunku Dara Naquiah is a leading practitioner in the field of public relations. This has contributed to KTJ's emphasis on the holistic development of students, nurturing them towards becoming socially adept, confident and well-spoken citizens of the world.

The Founders continue to play a crucial role in providing overall direction for KTJ in their roles on the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors of the School. Their careful and wise governance has ensured the financial stability and educational excellence of KTJ since inception.

Welcome from the Principal



We are best known for providing our students with an excellent day and boarding school education which is British in style and has an international perspective, but which is firmly rooted within its South East Asian context and culture.

Similar to the top UK schools, so many of our teachers have had experience teaching in the UK, Europe and elsewhere. They bring significant experience and a range of perspectives to KTJ and are dedicated and committed to making a difference in the lives of our students. Over 100 of our staff have served the School for over a decade, providing stability and continuity for students.

At KTJ, we firmly believe that academics will always remain a key element of student outcomes. However, what is equally important is putting in place the building blocks for our students to become well-rounded, confident leaders of the future.

As such, KTJ has invested in extracurricular activities and sports so that our students can pursue their interests and their passions. This holistic approach to learning, character-building and leadership has enabled KTJ to build pathways for our students to gain entry into elite universities across the globe.

Our School is located in Malaysia within an 80-acre campus, 60 kilometres south of Kuala Lumpur. I encourage prospective students and their parents to visit us in person or to take a virtual tour of the campus on our website. I would be delighted to welcome you and look forward to meeting you soon.

Dr Glenn Moodie

Principal
Member of the Headmasters' and
Headmistresses' Conference (HMC)

Vision 2030

Vision 2030 brings to life the ways in which we will deliver our mission and achieve our vision, whilst living our values of integrity, empathy and mutual respect.

KTJ's 10-year strategic plan builds on our 30-year legacy and foundation, while recognising that we operate in a dynamic environment which will see changes and innovation at an unprecedented rate. It is the result of extensive planning and discussion with the School's stakeholders, including the trustees, students, parents, teachers, staff and the wider community.

There are five strategic themes which underpin our ambitious goals and our direction in meeting future challenges.



Message from the Director of KTJ Sixth Form



We prepare students to achieve the best academic results they possibly can, and we offer a wide range of opportunities to gear our students up for higher education and life beyond.

Our highly-experienced teachers ensure KTJ students attain A Level results which far surpass the world average. In 2020, 95% of the A Level scores ranged from A* - B, compared to a world average of 54%. This academic rigour is combined with a wide range of extra-curricular activities, academic enrichment events, leadership opportunities and community service to ensure our students are ready for not just university, but for their lives and careers beyond this.

The Sixth Form Team are experts in guiding and advising students on admissions to competitive universities and on life in higher education. We ensure every base is covered from interview and admissions test preparation through to budgeting and cooking your own meals. Specialist classes are also offered for those who need to prepare for IELTS or SATs.

We have close relationships with a network of top universities and connect our students with their admissions tutors so that they can make more informed decisions about the choices available to them.

As a result of the comprehensive support, our students gain entry into prestigious universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Imperial and UCL every year. Our students also regularly have success with admission to Ivy League universities and other top universities in the United States, UK, Europe, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

KTJ Sixth Form is where our students

Make It, taking the vital step from school to university and beyond.

Mrs Wendy JonesDirector of Sixth Form

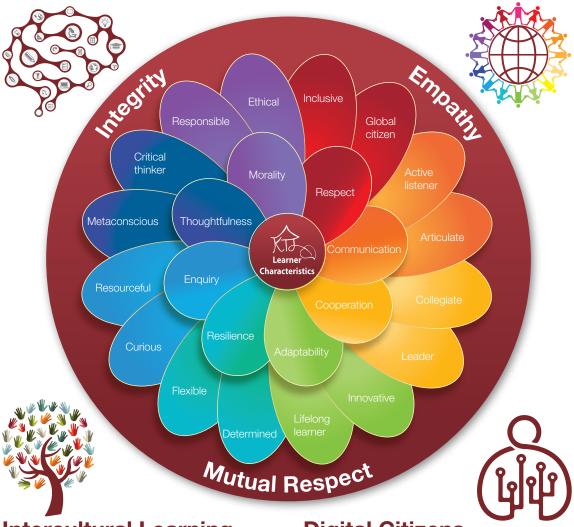
The KTJ Learner Characteristics

Learning

is the lifelong, enduring transformation of information and experience into knowledge, understanding, skills, dispositions, behaviours and attitudes that can be applied in new and different contexts.

Global Citizens

at KTJ are aware of, and understand, the wider world, and their place in it. They demonstrate leadership and collaboration in pursuit of equality and sustainability within the global and local community.



Intercultural Learning

at KTJ is a lifelong process that involves recognition of one's own culture and beliefs, development of an appreciation of the similarities and differences of the culture and beliefs of others.

Digital Citizens

at KTJ engage responsibly, safely and skilfully with existing and developing technologies, positively contributing to the global community.

Intercultural learning at KTJ provides a framework for learning that reaches beyond the School, to the wider global community, and is embedded into all parts of our holistic education and is visible through the characteristics of the KTJ learner.



The Secondary Campus





1	The Foyer
2	Junior Day House
3	Classrooms
4	Library, Cafe and School Shop
5	Dance and Drama Studios
6	Tuanku Ja'afar Auditorium
7	Tunku Najihah Hall
8	The Squash Courts and Gym
9	Athletics Field
10	Netball Court
11	Dining Hall
12	Sixth Form Centre
13	Senior Boarding Houses
14	Junior Boarding House
15	The Waterfront
16	Lower Rugby Field
17	Hockey Field
18	Swimming Pool
19	Upper Rugby Field
20	The Health Centre
21	Tuck Shop

A Level Curriculum



KTJ offers an A Level programme which focuses on those subjects highly desired by top-ranking universities. These facilitating subjects provide students with the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for success in higher education.

The curriculum is tailored to the students' requests as far as possible with almost every student taking their first choice in all four A Level subjects. Most students take four subjects in the Lower Sixth and continue with three or four into the Upper Sixth.

KTJ's Sixth Form curriculum is broad-ranging and encompasses knowledge and skills beyond academics. We have extensive support and resources for students' wider academic development, with timetabled classes in IELTS, AQA's Extended Project Qualification and SAT.

A Level subjects offered at KTJ:

Accounting

Biology

Chemistry

Computer Science

Economics

Extended Project Qualification

Geography

History

Literature in English

Mathematics

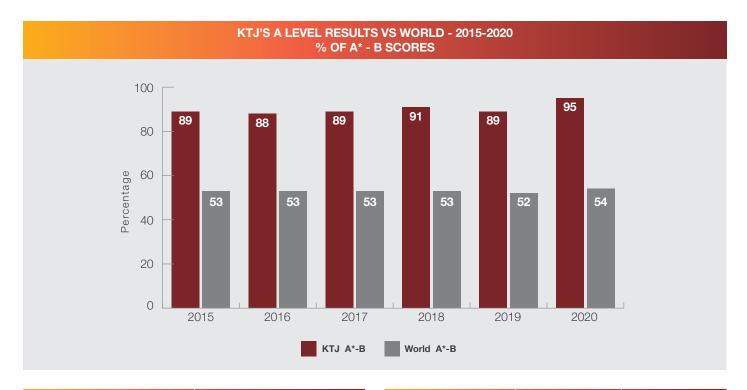
Further Mathematics

Music

Physics



Our Results



A LEVEL SUBJECTS 2020	KTJ A*-B
Accounting	91%
Biology	90%
Chemistry	91%
Economics	97%
Extended Project Qualification	100%
Geography	83%
History	94%
Literature in English	88%
Mathematics	94%
Further Mathematics	97%
Music	100%
Physics	96%

SAT RESULTS 2020	KTJ MIDDLE 50%	KTJ MEAN
EBR & Writing	660 - 780	670
Math	770 - 800	759
Total SAT		1442.5

IELTS

From 2018 to 2020

79.5% of students

scored 7.5 or higher

Extra-Curricular Activities

KTJ has an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities (ECAs). With over 100 to choose from, students are able to discover lifelong interests and develop essential skills to help them

Make It!

Our purpose-built campus is situated on 80 acres of lush greenery and provides ample space for students to indulge in their interests.

The skills acquired in our ECA programme are an extension to classroom learning, and we encourage students to reflect upon how one enriches the other.

An extensive ECA programme

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We cater for a broad spectrum of talents and interests. Our excellent facilities provide students with an opportunity to participate in a vast array of after-school activities that range from sports clubs to learning an instrument to building robots.

By participating in these activities, many of our students will have an opportunity to compete in competitions in Malaysia and around the world.





Tailored ECAs for Sixth Form

Over and above the broad ECAs, KTJ Sixth Form organises a dedicated extra-curricular programme for Competitive University Applications, Medic Applications, STEM, Coding, Forensics and Law Applications.

Examples of academic, extra-curricular and leadership enrichment include:

- Oxbridge speaker events and panel discussions
- Conferences and talks organised by think tanks and community organisations
- Whole day STEAM projects organised by universities and the Oxbridge Society
- The Land Rover 4x4 Engineering Challenge
- The Oxbridge Moot
- Friday Night Enrichment events where external speakers are invited to discuss politics, history, culture, science and ethical issues with the students.

Students will have many opportunities to develop and refine skills and capabilities in activities which go beyond the assessed curriculum. We encourage our students to assume positions of responsibility in order to develop skills in leadership, team-work, event-management, organisation and presentation. There are also given opportunities to make a contribution to society by playing an active role in KTJ's community service, outreach and sustainability programmes.



Boarding

Boarding is a key feature of life at KTJ. It is undoubtedly one of the most rewarding aspects of school life.



Through boarding, students gain independence, learn important life skills and discover different cultures. This forms a stong foundation for these young global citizens as they journey towards university and their professional lives.

Our experienced Houseparents and House Staff are on hand to assist students with their school and prep work (homework), and they guide them towards becoming more independent and developing good study habits and discipline. Parents have peace of mind because their children are well-prepared for classes and have the support they need to solve difficult problems.

Parents can also rest assured that their sons and daughters are well-fed, have well-appointed bedrooms and are kept occupied with school, prep and extra-curricular activities in their 'home away from home'.

Our boarding houses offer modern bedrooms with space for studying and relaxing. Lower Sixth students share with up to two students and our Upper Sixth students are in single or double rooms.



Students enjoy socialising in the communal spaces within the boarding houses. These include a cinema room, communal kitchen, a gym and private rooms for study and academic discussions.

After school each day and during weekends, students enjoy a wide range of activities. These include more than 100 ECAs from which to choose, house activities, competitions, and enrichment and entertainment events.

Each evening (apart from Saturdays) students are supported to complete their prep work in the houses by experienced boarding staff, all of whom have specialist subject knowledge that allows them to advise and guide those under their care.

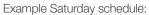
Weekends at KTJ are extremely busy and eventful, with lots of house activities and competitions for students to enjoy, while developing their abilities and stretching their skills. There will be opportunities for them to take part in sporting competitions during the day, as well as music, debate, drama and dance performances on Saturday evenings.

Every two or three weeks there is an exeat weekend, where the School remains open, but students can go home or stay with a guardian or a friend's family.

A day in the life of a boarding Sixth Form student

Example weekday schedule:

TIME	ACTIVITY
06.45 - 07.40	Wake up and have breakfast
08.00 - 12.30	Morning lessons
12.30 - 14.10	Lunch
14.10 - 15.30	Afternoon lessons
15.30 - 15.45	Afternoon tea
16.00 - 18.00	ECAs and after-school activities
18.15 - 19.15	Dinner
19.45 - 20.45	First prep
21.15 - 22.00	Second prep
23.00 - 00.00	Bedtime



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06.45 - 07.40	Wake up and have breakfast
08.00 - 13.00	Lessons
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 18.00	House activities, house competitions and free time
18.15 - 19.15	Dinner
20.00 - 21.30	Saturday evening programme
23.30 - 00.00	Bedtime

Example Sunday schedule:

TIME	ACTIVITY
10.00 - 12.30	Brunch
13.00 - 13.30	Roll call and house meeting
14.00 - 18.00	House activities, house competitions and free time
18.15 - 19.15	Dinner
20.00 - 20.45	First prep
21.15 - 22.00	Second prep
23.00 - 00.00	Bedtime





Sample weekend activities

These include: house sports and competitions, Senior Talentime, Moot Debate Event, International Understanding Day, Music Night, and much more.

House Nights

Each term, the boarding houses organise House Nights which feature activities that bring our new and current students together to create bonds and boost camaraderie. Examples of these activities include paintballing, bubble sports, trampolining, high ropes, cookery classes, karaoke, bowling and a visit to a waterpark!

Facilities





KTJ has continuously invested in its facilities and resources over the past 30 years, to encourage our students to explore and develop their unique interests and talents whilst inspiring a love of learning.

Our School combines traditional Malaysian architecture with state-of-the-art facilities and an emphasis on sustainability. The School facilities underscore KTJ's holistic approach to academic learning and support the intellectual, emotional, social, physical, artistic, creative and spiritual development of our students. While a virtual tour of the campus is available on our website, here are some of the highlights.

Academic

Sixth Form Centre: This dedicated building enables our Sixth Form students to work in a purpose-built environment with the facilities they need to prepare for their A Levels and university applications. Complete with discussion areas, interview rooms, study nooks, games room and a pantry, the Sixth Form Centre is also where students are able to meet with staff and tutors if they need any assistance.

The Arc: This arc-shaped building contains a library equipped with modern computer technology to facilitate research, private discussion rooms for group work and silent study areas. The library also provides a large space for talks and lectures delivered by universities and industry professionals throughout the academic year.

Sports

We have purpose built facilities, both indoors and outdoors, for a wide range of sports such as athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, netball, football, hockey, squash, tennis, swimming and much more. The School has a well-equipped gym, a climbing wall and dance and drama studios.

Communal areas

The dining hall, where all meals are served, offers students Asian, Western and vegetarian options together with a noodle bar, panini station and salad bar. Café Diem, which serves drinks and snacks, is a popular hangout spot for students to enjoy some downtime and to catch up with friends. The Tuanku Ja'afar Auditorium which seats 700 people is the location for assembly, events and student performances.

Health and safety

There is an on-campus health centre manned by a doctor and four nurses. Attached to the health centre is a quarantine centre with separate rooms for boys and girls.

Environment

3,200 solar panels have been installed at KTJ, generating free and renewable energy to power our classrooms and boarding houses. Additional energy generated is sold to the national grid. Throughout the School, there are recycling bins to encourage students to recycle paper, plastic, metal and glass wherever possible.

University Support



The Sixth Form is pivotal in a student's educational journey and, as such, we offer a comprehensive package of support and assistance to build a pathway to success beyond school, focusing on gaining entry to a university of their choice by developing the necessary skill sets to succeed.

KTJ's Sixth Form Team consists of a dedicated and experienced group of teachers, a Higher Education and Careers Guidance Counsellor, as well as access to Sixth Form mentors, Student Support and the English as an additional language (EAL) department.

Each student is assigned a higher education mentor who works in conjunction with subject staff and the Sixth Form Team to offer students support to build a competitive university application. Advice on university subject choices is provided by our experienced Higher Education and Careers Guidance Counsellor.

Learning Support is available for students with special educational needs, and counselling is provided for students who require guidance with their emotional or mental well-being.

Language competency

EAL is available for students whose first language is not English, as well as to students who need to gain the required level of English for university entry. We have a comprehensive programme in place to support students in successfully completing the required tests with confidence. This includes IELTS preparatory classes.

Interview skills

The staff at the Sixth Form Centre organise regular training sessions for students who need interview practice. External interviewers are also available to provide training for university interviews.

Personal statements

The Sixth Form Centre staff and personal mentors help our students to craft their personal statements for university applications. The statements are drafted on multiple occasions, following consultations with the student's personal tutor and relevant subject teachers, before they are finalised and submitted.

Networking with top universities

KTJ organises regular visits from Russell Group universities. These include LSE, Imperial, Kings, UCL, Warwick and Manchester, among others. These visits give our students the opportunity to speak to admissions tutors and gain access to up-to-date information. In addition to UK universities, KTJ has developed good working relationships with universities in Malaysia, the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Ireland.

Financial

Each year, KTJ offers Sixth Form Academic Scholarships to dedicated students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. There is further information on scholarships on the Fees and Scholarships page of our website.

University Destinations

Each year, KTJ students gain entry into the world's top universities in the UK, Europe, the United States, Australia and Asia, as well as top choices in Malaysia.

These are some of the prestigious universities where our students had gained acceptance in 2015-2020.

UNITED KINGDOM

Durham University Imperial College London King's College London London School of Economics University College London University of Birmingham University of Bristol University of Cambridge University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Leeds University of Manchester University of Nottingham University of Oxford University of Sheffield University of Southampton University of St Andrews

AUSTRALIA

University of Warwick

Australian National University Monash University University of Melbourne University of Queensland

HONG KONG

Chinese University of Hong Kong Hong Kong Polytechnic University University of Hong Kong

USA

Boston University Columbia University Cornell University Georgia Institute of Technology Harvard University New York University **Purdue University** Trinity College University of California, Berkeley University of California, Los Angeles University of California, San Diego University of Michigan



Our students have also gained entry into universities in Canada, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand and Thailand.

University of Pennsylvania



A Word from Our Students



AdibUpper Sixth Student

"Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar is the place to grow and bloom into a well-rounded individual. What's unique about KTJ is the whole boarding experience. From the time you wake up in the morning till bedtime, boarding offers new experiences, sweet memories and challenges every day. One moment we're having fun like there's no tomorrow, and the next second, we're hustling to get that bread. Life here may sometimes be a series of ups and downs, but living on board with caring friends, loving houseparents and staff helped me survive my A Levels.

KTJ boarding houses offer various facilities including a well-equipped house gym and common areas which allow students to mingle and strengthen the bond between the house members as well as to release stress.

Sixth Formers will usually be placed in a twin-sharing or single-bedded room. This allows us to concentrate on our tasks when we need privacy and intense focus.

Finally, boarders have opportunities to showcase their talents and passion in various areas via house events and activities. They will develop team spirit, leadership and self-confidence while acquiring valuable social skills for the future."



Cheryl *Upper Sixth Student*

"Morning long runs on KTJ's red track have become something essential for me to start my day. Running laps around that 1.8 km tree-lined jogging track that forms a loop around KTJ's 80-acre campus while savouring the magnificent sunrise – needless to say, it is a runner's paradise.

Being an extremely sporty person, KTJ is a place that I can truly live my passion for sports to the fullest. With such diverse sporting facilities, extra-curricular activities and house sports competitions, there are ample opportunities to try something new.

My first term in KTJ was possibly the most exciting time of my life as never before did I have the chance to try my hand at so many different sports.

Some memories worth reminiscing are: being in a football team for the first time and representing my boarding house for inter-house football, trying out wall climbing, playing captain ball and rounders with my housemates, and even swimming around Perhentian Island with a team of students and teachers from KTJ."



Ivan *Upper Sixth Student*

"The community at KTJ is truly unparalleled when it comes to diversity, inclusion, and friendship. From the International and Intercultural Club to the various ethnic celebrations held at School, KTJ truly makes every student feel at home.

This is a school of expression, where we have the ability to express ourselves freely. As one of our guiding principles, mutual respect is truly felt in this serene campus. Through the activities organised by the boarding house and School, every student feels included in this community.

KTJ has shaped me into the global citizen that I am today, with a deep understanding and appreciation towards people of other cultures and races. The International Understanding and International Relations nights hosted by the Interact and LEO clubs respectively enable students to learn more about different countries and cultures.

I think I speak for the other students as well when I say that we are able to build long-lasting friendships and connections with everyone we meet at KTJ. There are inspiring KTJ alumni in every nook and corner of the world, and we'll always have fond memories of Mantin to share!"

Testimonials from KTJ Alumni



Dr Ramdas Senasi Imran House, Class of '97

- Consultant Paediatric Radiologist at South Tyneside & Sunderland NHS Trust, UK
- Committee member of the World Federation of Paediatric Radiology and founding member of the World Federation of Emergency Radiology.

"My fondest memories of KTJ are the lifelong friends I made, the House Singing Competitions, House Sports events, and representing my House in Rugby and Football, For a short while, I even ran a McDonalds business at KTJ. At KTJ I learnt that anything is possible and that only I set my boundaries in life."



Johann Ting Nadzaruddin House, Class of '98

- Singer, multi-instrumental musician and award-winning educator and song-writer
- Worked, performed and recorded with top musicians and Grammywinning producers in London and internationally, including touring with Take That, opening for 2Cellos at the Royal Albert Hall

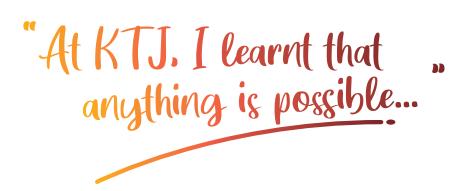
"Apart from getting the straight-A grades that allowed me to continue my studies at Imperial College London, at KTJ, I had lots of musical opportunities outside the curriculum, including house music competitions, assemblies and concerts. My first time performing on stage with a band was at KTJ, playing "Stay" by Shakespears Sister, and 15 years later I actually got to play in the band of the singer, Marcella Detroit, here in London!"



Nadiah Hanim Abdul Latif Irinah House, Class of '99

- Nadiah is the Head of Strategy and Programmes at Yayasan Anak Bangsa Bisa, co-founder of social enterprise, OpiS International, and anchor with Bernama News Channel
- Two decades of corporate, NGO and humanitarian work relating to sustainability; business and human rights; youth enablement; child rights, protection and development, and access to disability resources

"At KTJ I made lasting friendships, including those who are now strong professional contacts. It was a melting pot of cultures, where I received a crash course in cultural immersion. We also learnt the value of passion juxtaposed with the value of context, namely passion without context or purpose becomes misguided. We were fortunate to have teachers who allowed us the audacity to dream, but were wise enough to give us context to keep our feet firmly planted on the ground."





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