



# Newsletter n°32 - October 2019

## 11th year and the start of a new school year with 438 students

### Good results in the June 2019 BEPC exam

Of the 39 students in TANAT's 3rd year high school class, 11 were successful in the first group (written exam) and 18 in the second group (oral), ie a total of 29 students passed their BEPC.

This success rate of 74% is close to our goal of 80%. This is a very fine achievement, well above the national average of 33% and according to one of our teachers, "it is a result that is applauded at regional level".

Congratulations to the students and to the entire educational team who spared no effort to achieve this magnificent result.

### Satisfactory results in the June 2019 BAC exam

In series A (literary studies) 13 out of 29 candidates obtained their BAC, which is a pass rate of 44.8%. In series D (science) 7 out of 18 candidates were successful, giving a pass rate of 38.8%.

With 20 students out of 47 candidates passing their BAC, TANAT has achieved an overall pass rate of 42.5%. This is a considerable improvement over the previous two years and clearly shows that all the efforts put in by the teachers and school staff have borne fruit.

This result is well above Abalak central's results excluding TANAT (a pass rate of 11% out of 180 candidates) or the national average this year of 25%.

Congratulations to our new graduates, their teachers and the management staff of TANAT High School.



### High School: News from Principal Hassane



*« I am pleased to speak to you about this school which is so dear to us all and which I have the honour of leading. CSP / Tanat continues to grow year by year. This year we have 222 students, including 94 girls.*

*commitments. These signed commitments protect us vis-à-vis students and parents regarding sanctions and poor performance, they also boost the effort of the student because he/she will say that if he does not have this or that average, he/she risks being asked to leave or being sent down to a lower class.*

*At TANAT we promote quality and excellence. In order to achieve this, we need supporting measures. We do not cheat, unlike some institutions who recruit only good students and who do not recruit during the school year. We try to do our best to educate all the children entrusted to us and to bring them all to their destination.*

*I cannot finish my letter without thanking you for all you do to ensure the smooth running of TANAT's schools. You do not get tired of helping us, nor will I tire of thanking you and expressing our gratitude, personally and on behalf of our students and parents. »*

Hassane Moumouni,  
Principal of TANAT High School

*Early in the morning on opening day, the staff welcomed the students at the front door. After the bell, Final Year students (both series) sang the national anthem. Then we went to visit the classrooms to check attendance and give advice to pupils, especially the new ones. At the same time the teachers distributed supplies to each class and posted the timetable on the board. This was followed by reading and explaining the school rules.*

*For the exam classes, 3rd Year and Final Year, we had the students confirm and sign their*

### Primary School: News from Director Mouhamadoune

*« TANAT pupils took the road back to school on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 for the eleventh happy start of the school year. This year we welcomed 216 pupils, including 98 girls, including the new Kindergarten class.*

*The school has all the necessary facilities and wherewithal to begin the academic year, the teaching staff is in place, the textbooks and school supplies are available and the class rooms are in good condition and comfortable.*

*It has been shown for some time that the academic level of pupils in primary schools in Niger has fallen. For this reason, the Ministry of Primary Education has revised the entire programme this year by reducing the content of the existing programme. Teachers will be trained soon on this new programme which will be implemented in all primary schools.*

*TANAT now has a kindergarten class. This class welcomes children between the ages of 5 and 6 years old. These pupils will receive a more concentrated education than that taught*

*in the classic pre-school facilities available in public schools. They will be better prepared to join the Introductory Class (IC) next year. The opening of this class is part of improving the quality of schooling for children.*

*As at the beginning of each school year, once again a school board will be democratically elected to empower students to participate in the running of the school. Their duties will be to protect the school environment, to monitor the process of learning and the adherence to school rules »*



Mouhamadoune Abdoussamed  
Primary School Director

### Sponsor a class or a pupil of TANAT school

Sponsorships are essential to offer schooling to underprivileged children (pupil sponsorship) or to balance the running costs of the school (class sponsorship). TANAT School needs you and your friends to give even more children the opportunity to take charge of their future.



Mariama BTS student at the Digital Academy.



Zoua BTS student at the Digital Academy.

## News

In an interview in September, the President of Niger, Mahamadou Issoufou, spoke about Jeff, the American humanitarian aid worker kidnapped three years ago in Abalak:

*"The information we have is that he is alive and well and we will continue to do everything we can to create the right conditions for his release."*

The people of Abalak plan to commemorate the 3-year anniversary of Jeff's abduction: *"Let us reaffirm our commitment to peace, security, peaceful coexistence and cultural dialogue among all the peoples of the world."*

*Let us reaffirm that our affection, our consideration and our respect for Jeff has remained undiminished;*

*Let us say to Jeff that never, ever will we forget him, wherever he is and whatever happens;*

*And lastly, we pray to the Almighty to protect him wherever he is and we want him to know that the people of Abalak are hoping for his return and that we will always remember him. "*

## What are those who passed their Baccaureate last June doing now?

As far as we know, 16 of our 20 graduates are pursuing higher education.

Zoua and Mariama are registered at the CNED (Distance learning centre) studying for a BTS (Diploma) in Accounting at the Digital Academy.

Their chances of success will be much better than those of their predecessors thanks to Ritlets (Network of Third Party Sites of Higher Education).

The goal of Ritlets is to get young students out of geographical enclaves that prevent them from pursuing post-Bac degree studies.

"If you can't go to university, the university will come to you"

This Network advises and supports project leaders, in France and abroad, who wish to set up third-party sites of higher education for students aged 18 to 25, benefiting from distance learning, supervised by a team of coaches who guarantee them optimal conditions for success.

In this context, a Digital Academy was opened



Graduating Class A 2018-2019

ned in Niamey with a coach able to advise and support our 2 students from Abalak.

7 students including a girl, have passed the ENAM entrance examination (National School of Administration and the Law) and are awaiting their results.

5 students including 2 girls are enrolled at the University of Tahoua in Educational Sciences, Health and Transport Logistics Management.

2 are enrolled at the University of Niamey in Agronomy and at IRIMAG (Regional Institute for Computer Science, Marketing, Insurance and Vocational Training)

## Tuareg Proverbs

The evening story by the fire of tales and proverbs, has always played an important role in disseminating Tuareg culture.

Below are some examples of this wisdom:

*He who puts off until tomorrow, meets misfortune along the way.*

*Necessity is stronger than pride.*

*When you travel, take two bags: one to give, the other to receive.*

*Make your life founded on your sweat.*

*Two male camels do not enter the same herd.*

*The sun (the truth) is bigger than the palm of your hand.*

*If your wife is looking for another man's love, break up.*

*However long a winter's night, the sun will follow.*

*Whoever loves you, even a dog, you will love him in return.*

*Reasoning is a hindrance to the coward.*

*A single hand, if it doesn't have its sister, whatever it does will not undo a double knot.*

*He who puts a rope around his neck, God will give him someone who will pull it.*

*The palm of the hand does not eclipse the sun.*

*The hand you cannot cut off, lower it!*

*Keep your tents at a distance, bring your hearts closer.*

*If you choose a friend, choose the person who is better than you.*

*Patience begets wealth.*

*Spend the day in the sun, the shade will look so much better.*

*A good word pays off the debt.*

*Anything that is stagnating will be trampled.*

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## TANAT School

Given the state of the education system in the Abalak region of Niger, residents banded together in 2008, within the ONODEP association chaired by Mayor Billou Mohamed Moctar, to create and run a school that would cater for pupils from nursery school to final year graduation, in partnership with the French TANAT association.

The educational aim of Tanat School is to:

- Welcome boys and girls regardless of social, cultural or religious background.
- Give young people entrusted to them not only a solid school education but relevant training to prepare them for life as responsible men and women.
- Maintain a family atmosphere that allows young people to feel loved, recognised, supported and listened to.