

« TANAT school is doing well »



New perimeter wall under construction at the high school

Construction of a new perimeter wall around the high school

A new cinder-block perimeter wall is being built to replace the old mud wall originally built with dried earth bricks covered with a thin layer of cement. This mud wall required major maintenance every year because during the rains water seeped between the cement and the earthen bricks.

In addition, as the headmaster pointed out:

"Once completed, this new wall will relieve the administration from having to be constantly watchful. Presently, every morning we are on the lookout for latecomers who dare to jump over the wall. Once finished and topped with barbed wire, we will only have to watch the door in order to control the entry and exit of the students. "



TANAT High School ranked the best school in Niger

«As we do every year, here we are again with the latest news about our wonderful school. The school is doing very well. This is due to the discipline and vigilance of the administration; to the support and backing of you the partners and sponsors; to the presence and watchful eye of Billou, our advocate and promoter; to the discipline and hard work of the students; and to the good relationship between the educational authorities and TANAT.

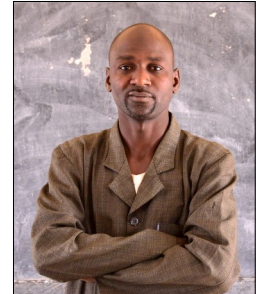
Our school is ranked the best school in Niger with an average of 19.33 / 20. This was made possible thanks to everyone's help and to the respect for the educational, environmental, technical and pedagogical standards.

The DESPRI mission accompanied by the General Services Inspectorate who visited us ran out of words to congratulate TANAT. They also congratulated promoter Billou and his partners for the considerable investment they have made. They especially wanted to see the library because, as they said, no private school in Niger is equipped with a library, something to be applauded and safeguarded for future generations. They did not imagine that in the heart of the desert they would find a school which has all the required amenities, which observes the educational texts and

which backs this all up with good results. They found that TANAT is one of the few schools where the hand washing system is operational and that the wearing of masks in the classroom was respected by both students and teachers.

The year ended well with a school party that saw the participation and presence of many guests. Everyone was happy to join in this celebration which brought out all the cultural diversity of Niger and which was an opportunity for one and all to let off steam and enjoy a change of scenery. The students went to town with their creativity and their flair for entertainment, as evidenced by the applause, the recognition and congratulations from the audience.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and good luck for the July exam results: BEPC on July 6th and BAC on July 27th. »



Hassane Moumouni,
Headmaster of TANAT High School

Primary School: another good year



« The 2020-2021 school year at TANAT private school ends on a note of general satisfaction.

The school closed its doors with an enrolment of 212 pupils, 97 of whom are girls. Despite some small but insignificant tardiness,

attendance was good throughout the year. This tardiness was caused by the usual problems such as illness (malaria and so on). Apart from the inconsistency surrounding late arrival and absence, no major disruptions were recorded. The planned official curriculum was covered in full without exception in all classes.

Members of the parents' association were fully involved in the running of the school, particularly in the teaching of normal lessons and private tutoring for pupils who were struggling. They contributed to the regular presence of children needing extra help. This in-

volvement of parents encouraged the teaching team to take even more care of the children in their care. They also held meetings with the administration and teachers at the school to better harmonise operations in order to achieve better academic results.

Alongside these school stakeholders, the School Board participated in all tasks during the year. It ensured the cleanliness of the premises and the school environment with the involvement of all the pupils.

In order to support and improve the performance of the teachers, inspections were carried out by the school principal, the IEP Inspector for Abalak as well as educational advisers. We also had two trainee teachers: Zoua and Mariama, graduates and former students of TANAT. They were keen to learn and followed with interest all the school activities. »

Mouhamadoune Abdoussamed,
Principal of the Primary School

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.



Hassane Moumouni, Headmaster

Departure of Headmaster Hassane

Hassane Moumouni has successfully passed a Ministry of National Education exam and has been admitted for training in Niamey. As he says in his own words:

"After 6 years as the head of TANAT high school, 6 years crowned with enormous success, I am leaving at the start of the next school year to pursue CAPES or MPPEs studies.

I successfully passed a professional exam which would allow me to progress in my career. There is a good chance of returning to TANAT, which is why I am not resigning. I consider myself to be on an internship and I will always be available for anything relating to the high school. I can never leave or forget TANAT high school which is a part of me and which has become my second family. You have been wonderful colleagues and good friends."

We sincerely thank Hassane who really understood the ambition of the TANAT school's educational project and who has made the high school the beautiful place it is today. We are delighted that he can develop his career but as Rissa Mahamadou, the general supervisor writes: "I cannot end without mentioning or mourning the departure of the Headmaster. An excellent Headmaster who will leave a void in the school and in our hearts. He will be sorely missed;>

The heartfelt thanks of a graduate to his sponsor

A graduate last June, who gained all his schooling at TANAT since it opened, sent this beautiful letter to his French sponsor ("godmother"), to thank her for her support. "Hello Dear Godmother, I want to write you this letter which has connected us both for so many years thanks to the selflessness which defines you as a person, to tell you of my joy at having completed the first stage of my life which allows me to make the choice of my future so that I can make my dreams come true.

Thanks to your generosity and with the very good foundation that TANAT offers those students who have the will and the intention to study, I was able to embark on my tertiary education studies. This school, founded in 2009, has indeed become one of the best establishments in our country. It allowed me to benefit from a proper education and above all to have a certain connection with rare and outstanding people like you. I also became aware of the effects of your

extraordinary act which creates in me the desire to be able to imitate you, which is one of the dreams that I want to realise after finishing my studies. In addition, after graduating with my baccalaureate last year, I decided to continue my studies in the Faculty of Law, Economics and Management; a desire to recognise my rights and the rights of others and also to have the ability to settle disputes between individuals so that they can live in peace and harmony.

And lastly, to finish this letter whose main purpose is to tell you my news after finishing high school and entering another way of life which trains students to be responsible and above all which demonstrates the real significance of studying.

So thank you once again of behalf of myself and my family for your wonderful help which to us is priceless, for it is said that the greatest gift we can give to others is an education."

The role of the Tuareg woman

If Tuareg women are required to be restrained in front of their elders and in the presence of parents, they enjoy a special characteristic: they are the owners of the tents which they acquire from their mother on the occasion of their first marriage. As such, it is their duty to know how to be welcoming. So, in Tuareg culture, a warm welcome is synonymous not only with hospitality, in the sense of a meal given to the guest, but also with pleasant conversation conducted with intelligence. This means that a woman has mastered the art of conversation, knows how to break the silence at the appropriate time and how to address someone in a way that makes him feel comfortable.

The reputation of a woman exceeds the limits of her camp if, in addition to her plumpness, a criterion of Tuareg beauty, she has no equal when it comes to conversation. Among the Tuaregs, this ability to chat in a pleasant way is demonstrated in particular during cultural evenings between young people or during courtly night-time visits that a young woman receives after taking the veil.

When a suitor arrives at her bedside, usually in the middle of the night when the parents are asleep, he presents himself as an invited guest: the admirer asks his cho-

sen one from the outset if she will be hospitable. The young girl replies in the affirmative and asks her guest to identify himself, while the latter refuses to make himself known on the pretext that the law of hospitality requires that the newcomer be accepted without asking who he is. When she doesn't like the suitor, the woman converses with him for a while before gallantly brushing him aside. Through this ritual, the young girl discreetly learns to play her role as the woman of the tent, the one who "tames" the stranger, while waiting to be given a new tent upon her marriage.

In Tuareg culture then the role of the woman is not limited to that of procreator or mother, contrary to what is customary in the majority of Muslim societies.

It is an altogether different view of femininity where praise as well as criticism is never to do with her ability as a worker or a mother. She is praised as a seductress and a charmer, able to animate poetic gatherings with wit and gaiety.

The words from her mouth are words of welcome and comfort to lovers or guests, husbands and children. .

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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.