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TANAT's remarkable results in the 2022 BAC exams

The final results in the 2022 BAC exams achieved by TANAT are truly remarkable:

In series A (literature), 15 students passed directly (1st group) and 10 after an oral exam (2nd group) i.e. a total of 25 out of 27 candidates (92.6%).

In series D (Science), 9 students passed directly (1st group) and 4 after an oral exam (2nd group) i.e. a total of 13 out of 14 candidates (92.8%).

Overall, TANAT achieved a success rate of 92.7% with 38 students passing out of 41 candidates. This result shows that all the efforts of the teachers and the management staff have borne fruit and that we are clearly going in the right direction.

TANAT's results must be compared to a pass rate of 21.7% in the Abalak region (excluding TANAT high school) and to the national average of 26.7%.

Congratulations to the new graduates and huge congratulations to their teachers and the management of TANAT high school!



TANAT high school opened its doors with a staff of 303 students, including 116 girls.

The 2021-2022 school year came to a very satisfactory close due to the extremely encouraging results achieved in the various end-of-year exams: BECP: 68.2%; BAC A: 92.6%, BAC D: 92.8%.

After a few weeks holiday, we returned to school driven by the burning desire to overcome any obstacle in our

way. So we gathered together our 3rd and Final year students on September 19th to set them on the right track because their success is and remains our duty.

Our pass rate has challenged many people in Niger, including the highest authorities in the country. This is why the Regional Director of Education for Tahoua paid us a special visit on 3/10/22, the official start of the school year, in order to appreciate our working conditions for himself. He first visited Tanat primary and then the high school where we also showed him around the computer room and the library. Very interested and curious to be informed, he peppered us with questions relating to the organisation and the functioning of our establishment. He concluded with the words:

"Your project is worthwhile and is completely justified". He congratulated us, encouraged us and above all he addressed a special mention to the teachers, the management and the ONODEP.

In addition, following our observation of the poor level of our students in Mathematics, we intend this



Moussa Samaila, Secondary School Principal

year to organise awareness sessions to encourage them to take a greater interest in this subject.

These results are also the product of your efforts, dear sponsors. We never forget your dedication and devotion, your wise and pertinent advice that allows us to move forward. May divine light illuminate your lives here below and beyond.

Moussa Samaila, Secondary School Principal

The return to Primary School

TANAT primary school opened its doors on Monday, October 3, 2022 with a staff of 227 students including 92 girls.

Some classrooms have been refurbished with the painting of walls and the renovation of broken ceilings. In addition, some bench tables have been replaced and others repaired.

This year, the Kindergarten class has two teachers. Thanks to her presence, the class teacher can carry out her activities without being interrupted for such things as taking children to the toilet or accompanying them to have a drink of water, etc. She takes care of all this and also self-trains by occasionally teaching certain lessons.

To ensure the smooth running of the school throughout the year, each teacher prepared his/her class during the last week of September. Among these preparations we review the school rules and procedures and look at the equipment and manuals required for each grade. As was the case last year, it is also a question of strict compliance with certain passages of the school rules, in particular the monitoring of absences.

As usual, the first day of the school year was also marked by the visit of the administrative, academic and even customary authorities of Abalak. These authorities gave encouragement and advice to students and teachers to redouble their efforts in order to maintain the results of the past year and to do even better.

The secretary general of the prefecture leading this delegation used the



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occasion of this visit to affirm his satisfaction that the standards that he has always observed in the school have been upheld and praised the dedication of its staff.

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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.



A refurbished classroom

Nouvelles

This year, two of our students have been admitted to the tertiary high school in Niamey. It should be noted that entry to this college is reserved for the best students in the country who have passed a national competition.

For the BAC, our two students benefited from the Moroccan scholarship and one from Russia.

The cold season is starting to set in. The dust-laden wind is also on its way. The straw and dried grass is falling victim to bush fires which reduce the grazing area.

Insecurity in Niger is still claiming victims. Attacks targeting civilians and the military are frequent in the areas of Tahoua, Diffa and Tilabery.

In Abalak, several cases of armed robbery have been reported. In less than a week, two cases of robbery took place in the commune of Abalak. The attackers operate on motorcycles. Ghissa Hamed Alyakib

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Anzad, a traditional Touareg violin

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High School news

In some classrooms the white paint has been defaced by graffiti made by students who write their names or certain words as a reminder of their presence. This sometimes prevents new students from concentrating during class and has made it very necessary to repaint and erase the doodles.

The land facing TANAT high school on the west side now belongs to the school. This land is presently being walled around with clay bricks. It is intended for housing for teachers who wish to be close to the school.

Given our success rate in last year's exams, the high school has become a refuge for BEPC and BAC students and the reason why we have registered a very large number of external applications. So it was decided to assess each candidate in the basic subjects taught in the relevant classes. For example, a student who wants to enrol in Terminal D, is tested in Maths, PC, SVT and French. Those in Terminal A are tested in French, Arabic, Philo and a living language of their choice. Lastly, those of the 3rd grade will be tested in French, maths, English SVT and PC.

The aim of this range of subjects is to objectively assess the level of the student.

In fact, the newly registered students underwent these tests and were selected in order of merit and by achieving an average mark greater than or equal to 10, within the limits of available places.

Ghissa Hamed Alyakib Secondary School Supervisor



Land intended for staff housing

The central role of women in the Touareg tradition

In Touareg society, life is traditionally structured around women. It was from the maternal line that the powers of a warrior aristocracy were handed down.

The Touareg woman or her family, with her agreement, chooses her husband; she then plays a central role in the family unit, from the education of the children to the management of the household.

Everything within the family unit, starting with the tent and its contents, belongs to the woman. No husband may dispose of the inalienable material goods brought by his wife into the marriage without her consent. In the event of separation, the wife retains all household property.

The woman is the guardian of the "Ashak", a Tamasheq word describing all the moral virtues that make someone worthy because they eschew any act leading to dishonour. The Ashak is synonymous with bravery, generosity and respect for the given word.

To convey this virtue in the community, the "Anzad", a single-string violin, is considered the nerve-centre of Touareg culture. It is played exclusively by women, guardians of values.

According to Touareg wisdom, the Anzad listens and sees people. The expression "you don't hear the violin!" is dropped whenever the behaviour of a man or a woman appears contrary to social norms.

The judgment of the woman who regulates behaviour in society is feared. A man should look to appear courageous, generous and infallible in her eyes. Faced with a difficult situation, the young Touareg will never think of the consequences of his behaviour on himself, but rather of what the young girls will say in camp.

Custodian of culture and tradition, the Touareg woman is responsible for transmitting the Touareg language and "Tifinagh" script to the younger generation and also for conducting ceremonies such as baptisms or marriages.

Of course, these centuries-old traditions are changing with the settling of a nomadic people and modernisation, but even today the greatest sacrilege in Touareg society is to lay hands on a woman and insults against her are strongly condemned. No attack on her physical, moral and spiritual integrity is tolerable.

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.