

## Opening of technical training

### Excellent results in the 2023 exams



The 2023 school-year is coming to a close and time for you to know how it went. In order to improve the working conditions of our teachers, several initiatives were introduced ranging from their supervision through to the regular holding of meetings in which the teachers could discuss not only the official curriculum but also the content of lessons, as well as the method and teaching techniques to be employed. From these meetings a plan emerged to set written questions throughout the modules together with a supervised assignment at the end of each module, interspersed with essays at the end of each term.

Our results in the various end-of-year exams in 2022 were three times that of the national pass rate, and were admired by all Nigeriens interested in the question of education, including the President of the Republic, His Excellency Mohamed Bazoum. This earned us respectively the visit of the Regional Director of National Education at the start of the 2022/2023 school year and that of the Minister of National Education on March 4, 2023 who came to see for themselves the conditions in which we work. The Minister, on behalf of the President of the Republic, congratulated us and encouraged us in our endeavours. He concluded with the

words: "You are excellent; your achievement is well deserved".

This year the exams were scheduled much earlier than usual: the BEPC on June 13<sup>th</sup> and the BAC written exams on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

To compensate for the weeks lost compared to previous years, extra lessons of 2 hours a week in each subject were organised from April.

Our BEPC 2023 results are brilliant: 42 out of 46 students passed, that is 91.3% compared to the average of 34.7% for colleges in the Tahoua region.

Our results for the 2023 BAC are very good with a pass rate of 70.6% : Series A (Literature) 20 out of 28 students passed, i.e. 71.4%. Series D (Science) a pass of 16 out of 23 or 69.6%.

Compared to the national average of 25%.



Moussa Samaila, proviseur du secondaire

*Moussa Samaila, Secondary school principal*

### The introduction of technical training

A number of students are not comfortable in general education and "drop out" during high school.

In order to provide them with the basics of a profession which will allow them to earn a living, next October we will open two one-year technical training courses, not leading to a diploma.

This will consist of computer secretarial training for girls and electricity for boys.

Initially, these training courses will be free and the classes limited to about 10 students.

The necessary buildings are under construction on land adjoining the secondary school.

In following years, depending on the number of candidates, we will see the cost and effectiveness of these training courses, judged by the percentage of students who have found a job on leaving, and how to grow the programme.



### Good results in the Primary School

The 2022-2023 academic year at TANAT private school ends on a note of overall satisfaction.

It closes its doors today with a complement of 232 students, including 96 girls.

The official curriculum was covered 100% in all the classes.

As usual, as part of the effort to improve teachers' skills, inspections were carried out by the school director, the Inspector of the IEP of Abalak as well as the Pedagogical Advisor.

During the year assessments were organised. These enabled us to detect and identify students with learning difficulties. For these students, remedial sessions were organised by their teachers over the weekends. This tutoring programme has improved the level of these students and produced a significant number of pass marks during the last evaluation which took place from May 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2023.

The members of the parents' association are fully involved in the operation of the school, particularly in the running of normal lessons and private lessons such as tutoring for pupils in difficulty. They contributed towards the regular attendance of children in the support classes. This parental involvement has motivated the teaching team to take good care of the children entrusted to them.

Alongside the teaching staff, the school management team participated in all the tasks during the year. They ensured the cleanliness of the premises and the school environment with the involvement of all the students.



Mohamed Ahmoudou directeur du primaire

*Mohamed Ahmoudou , Primary school principal*

### 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.

## News

Saturday , March 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Minister of National Education came to visit TANAT School. He received a warm welcome from the administrative and teaching staff as well as from the students.

In his introductory remarks, the Minister explained the reasons why he wanted to come in person to TANAT. Among the reasons he spoke of the exceptional success rate achieved by TANAT in the 2022 BAC exams .After visiting the school facilities, notably the classrooms, the computer room and the library, the Minister concluded his remarks with congratulations and words of encouragement .

On June 3rd, TANAT held its traditional school festival. Remember that this celebration has several objectives: to take stock of the past year in front of all the participants involved in the field of education; to allow our students a moment of relaxation after a year of intense school activities; and to reward the best students .

Tornadoes are frequent in this month of June in our region .

Ghissa Hamed Alyakib, Secondary School Observer



Tornado over the secondary school

## New PCs in the Primary School



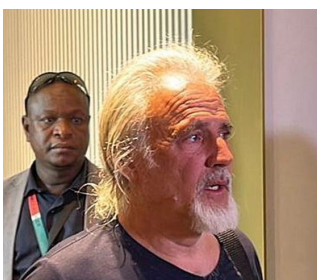
The 20 PCs donated in 2011 by Evernex to equip the primary school having reached the end of their useful life despite all the precautions taken to protect them from dust, sand

and heat, Evernex once again generously offered 20 PCs to TANAT.

The PCs arrived in Abalak in April and are now installed with educational games allowing students from CP to CM2 to learn about computers.

A very big thank you to the Evernex company who, since the launch of the project, has been able to accompany and support TANAT school so generously.

## Jeff's release



Jeff, an American aid worker kidnapped in October 2016 in Abalak, arrived free on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Niamey airport.

Jeff (Jeffery Woodke) had been living in Abalak in Niger since 1992, working for the Christian NGO JEMED specialising in drought management, access to education and medical care.

Billou, initiator of the TANAT school, worked for JEMED and was a very close

friend of Jeff.

Since 2006, Jeffery Woodke shared his time between Niger and the United States where his two sons continued their studies with their mother.

During his 6 years of captivity, his wife Els Woodke published several messages on social networks or in the media to challenge the kidnapers of her husband, asking for negotiations and demanding proof of life.

On the announcement of his release, the relief and joy were immense in Abalak where Jeff was known and loved by all.

## Tuareg proverbs

Make your complaint a love song so that you no longer know that you are suffering.

However long a winter night may be, the sun will follow it.

Even the desert is never completely deserted.

If you don't know where you are going, it may take you a long time to get there!

Mankind - drink water to make yourself beautiful, look to the sky to become great.

Never commit for more than half of what you can handle.

Let him who has a roof over his head

cause him who passes to remember.

The remedy is found in aged honey.

The fight you can't lead, do it with a smile.

The woman is the belt that holds the man's pants up.

The remedy for saying is in the doing.

Mouth of honey, heart of gall.

At the end of patience, there is Heaven.

Better a bad thought than a bad neighbour.

The well of betrayal, make it less deep.

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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.