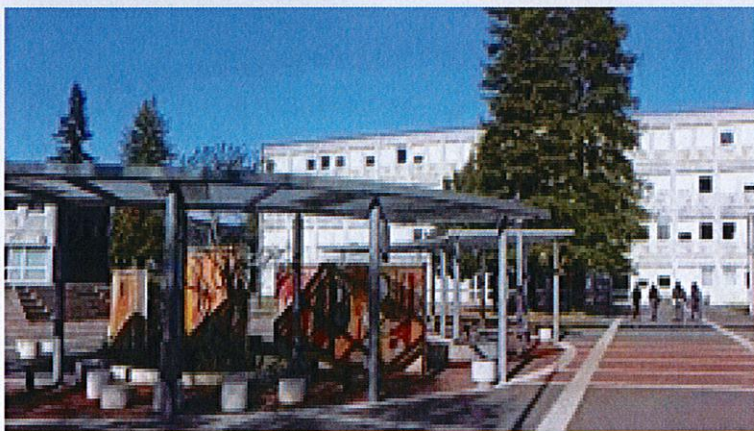


Ronsard News

Thursday, October 19, 2023



THE NEW REFORM OF THE BACCALAUREATE AT LYCÉE RONSARD



What do students think about the new reform of the baccalaureate ?

We asked the students their point of view about the new reform of the baccalaureate. Most of the students disagree with the reform because they think they don't have enough time to revise and work too much for a short time. However, the other half of the students agree with this idea.

Dear pupils, parents,
teachers, readers,

the class of English
in our Contemporary
World is delighted
to publish our first
edition whose main
topic will deal with :
Last but not least !

Last year for our
« Terminales », but
not the least
important !
Last book we've read,
film or series we've
watched but not the
least interesting ! ...

Thanks for the pupil's
positive reaction and
motivation for
this project .

Last but... not least :
Thank you for reading
us !

S. Mercader
(English teacher at
Ronsard)

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POLITICS

**“Now what?
Well, nobody is surprised”**



As their final high school year is beginning for 12th grade(= Terminale) Ronsard students, the French government has decided, unsurprisingly, to make changes to the educational system.

Well, that was to be expected. After witnessing the consequences of their reforms last year, the government has yet again modified their politics. Now, students in their last year of high school can expect to take their final exams in June as opposed to March, last year's dates. Who would have seen it coming ? Apparently, having a part of their final exams so early in the year makes students burnt out and unmotivated to work after they took it ! I sure didn't.

Well, at least that's one good thing done ! Right ? Just you wait !

Students who stressed over their 11th grade(=Première) French exam can now celebrate the government's decision to give 12th grade continuous assessment of Physical Education a coefficient of 6, as opposed to the French exam's coefficient, which is 5. I guess that other subjects have been deemed less important than sport, considering Science Education, Foreign Languages A & B, and History & Geography all have a coefficient of 3 for 12th grade, half of P.E's one. Although combined with the 11th grade coefficients, those subjects also have a coefficient of 6. Which makes every coefficient in the continuous assessment the same, save for Moral and Civic Education, Options, and the Abandoned Major(=spécialité).

Mixed feelings are to be expected with this decision, especially considering other reforms made in elementary and middle school. For those who didn't know, studies have revealed that less and less kids can read and write well by the time they enter middle school. Others have also revealed that there are less and less kids who practice sports.

Therefore, what did our president decide to do ? Establish two more hours for P.E per week in middle school, and make elementary-aged kids have one hour of sport three school days out of four !

So, Mr Macron learns that nationwide kids have difficulty with French, but gives them more hours of sport over class hours, that could be devoted to the French language ? Very logical (as one might expect from French politicians).

However, those decisions were not the only changes brought. Indeed, our *dear* government realized that you "probably" shouldn't take maths off the common curriculum, and that "maybe" having so many texts to study for the French exam was a bad idea. As a result, maths are now back on the program in 11th grade, and 20 texts have been reduced to 16.

All those changes set the question though of what will happen in the following years. Will this endless rethinking continue ? Stress is already accumulating on students (no matter what some adults might say about the high school diploma being given anyway), and the constant change in reforms, and official orders is doing no good for those not finding any landmarks, unable to ask previous high school graduates for advice, thus leaving each generation to wonder how to cope with being the test run for a program that will be abandoned in the end.



Meet Ben, the foreign language assistant

On fifth October 2023, we interviewed a 23 year-old American assistant named Benjamin Dudley and we had the chance to be able to interview him on the day of his birthday. After asking him to introduce himself, we questioned him about his hobbies; he answered us that he enjoys : "sport, climbing, riding his bike, singing, traveling, dancing, eating food, listening to music" but his favourite passion is traveling. He also said that he has already traveled a lot: " I went to Canada, Mexico, France, Central Africa, and many others". Then he explained us that he studied in a university in North Carolina in which he just graduated in marketing business in May 2023. The next question was about the main differences in school between France and America, "I noticed that sport represents a more important place in the United States than in France" he replied. Moreover, he added that the graduation system is also different because they have letters for grades while in France it's number. The last but not least difference is related to the behaviour. As a matter of fact, Benjamin said that American people are louder than the French. However, this isn't his first time in France. Indeed, it's already his fourth time because it's " cheap and easy to come" and partly because he likes our culture specifically the food (wine, cheese,...). Furthermore, he really enjoys his stay in Vendôme because he finds that it's a human-scaled city with a lot of flowers which make it very cute. This is also a city in which he doesn't feel unsafe contrary to the United States where the carrying of arms can be allowed. Afterwards, we asked him what his biggest challenge was; he replied that he wanted to start his own company in marketing in order to work with smaller firms even if his real dream is to " become famous on Instagram" he told us as a joke. Finally, we asked him what his forthcoming trip will be: it will be Hungary and more exactly Budapest aiming at visiting and not studying. We concluded this interview by thanking him for coming and answering our questions.

Miss PAUL, Miss SOÛTE

The New Reform of the Baccalaureate at Lycée Ronsard

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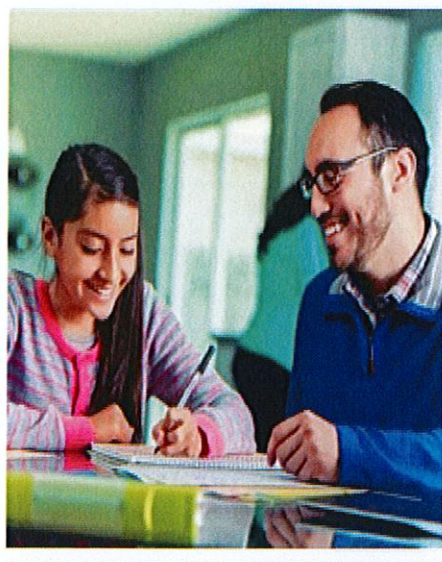
Last year, after the spécialité bac*, the Terminales stopped going to their class of speciality because they sat their exam in March so they didn't need to go to class. Many students skipped class : teachers were mad, angry about that but the students didn't care about it ; indeed, they thought they were on holidays. Then, the government decided to change the date of the speciality from March to June. So we did a survey that showed 80% of students in Lycée Ronsard disagree with this new reform and 20% agree with it. A student who disagrees with the reform says : « I don't like what the government did because it changes every year and we've enough ! We want a reform that never changes ! »

Unlike another student who agrees with the reform and says : « I think the government has taken a good choice to go the final exam in June because it's like our parents before, we can't complain ! »

There are many opinions about the new reform in Lycée Ronsard. If you want to tell us your opinion let us know on our website !! 😊

by R& S

EXTRA CLASSES FOR RONSARD YEAR 13!



Why ?

We are on demand for that the High School of Ronsard opens a new class to refresher courses for people in difficulty since the period of the coronavirus crisis which happened in 2020.

Students facing difficulties but reluctant to attend remedial classes should schedule an appointment with the principal to discuss and find solutions of course if we manage to organize it.



How ?

We expect that the classes will take place on Saturday mornings from 8am to 1am for the year 3 students and from 3pm to 6pm for second and first year students.

Classes will also be held on Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm for the first and second year students. For year 3 students, the classes will take place from 4pm to 6pm.

If you agree with this idea, please sign our petition and share this information with your neighbors !

Taking care of your Mental Health while having finals... Is that really possible ?

AS YOU MAY KNOW, Year 13 is one of the most crucial, determining, overwhelming, and intense year you'll go through. If you don't dedicate yourself to balancing work & good times you'll surely fall apart. Even so, we are here to help you put yourself together before finals.

Don't ruin your social life! Go out, see your friends, touch some grass and breathe fresh air. This will be the most precious memories from your teenage years, so go ahead don't waste it! In addition, most of the students see nothing except their finals. Don't let that stop you! This is the last year of high school where you can live happily without many responsibilities.

Try to spend time with your friends, in a group revision or just going out, there are many ways to enjoy some company.



Remember that everybody is anxious about finals coming but still, you really shouldn't let that stress get over you. You need to be at ease in order to do your best and be confident. The best way is to take a break from school, go on a walk, and take care of yourself. If you struggle with uncontrollable stress, we personally recommend breathing exercises that will help regain your focus, and concentration easily.

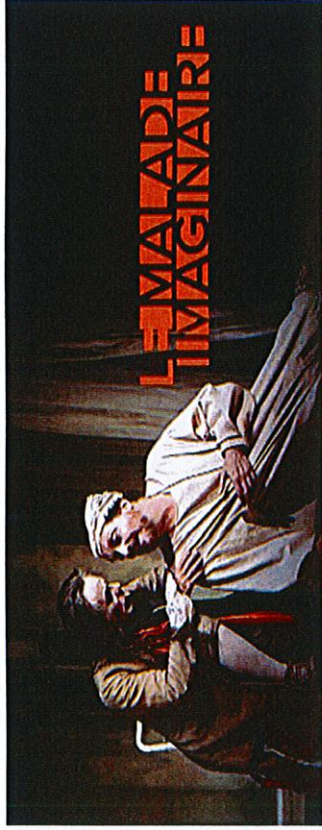
In 2023, the final's success rate was at 90.9% .

I managed to study with my friends, I know not anyone has the ability to do it, but I guess it worked for us.

Do you have a hard time learning or focusing for a long time? Well, some of us do. This year, we have to remember a lot of information therefore to not get burned out by them we found some techniques to help you study that you may find interesting: The Pomodoro technique which consists of working for 25 min and pairing it with a 5 min break. If you prefer writing to remember your lesson, the Feynman technique is the one for you, it consists in teaching yourself or somebody else by writing everything you know & remember on a blank page. However, if you struggle with work because you just don't like it, try to find more enjoyable ways to study, with friends for example!

Jade.H
Another student

BOOK REVIEW

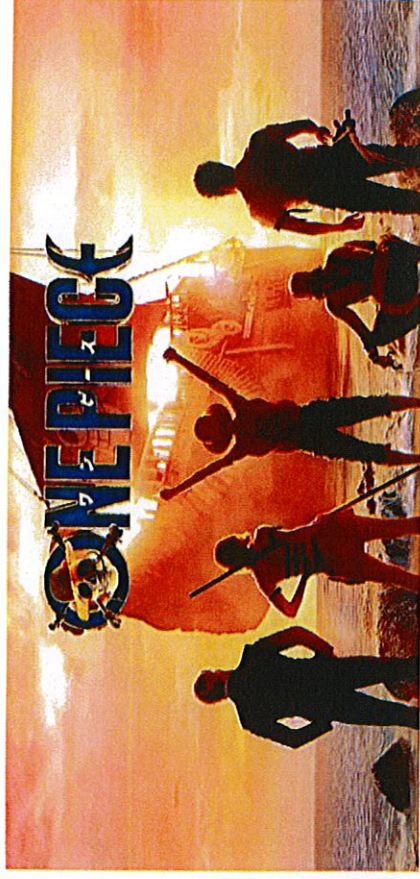


#theImaginaryInvalid

"One of my favorite books! In his work, in this comedy, Molière exposes us a medicine satire which calls to mind the spectator on the medicals competence of doctors in society. However, the comportement of "Argan" (the hypochondriac) is an overstatement which causes a teasing on this character. To conclude this play is on the one hand interesting and on the other hand, is a mockery which maybe makes laugh. It is a good play , I think some people can understand all the mockery and overstatement."

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ONE PIECE (2023)



The show One Piece was released the 31st August of 2023 on Netflix, and it follows the adventures of the Straw Hat Pirates, as they explore the oceans, lands and beyond in search of the «One Piece», a famous treasure that will make his owner the «King of Pirates».

The series is a live action adaptation of the famous manga series of the same name by Eiichiro Oda.



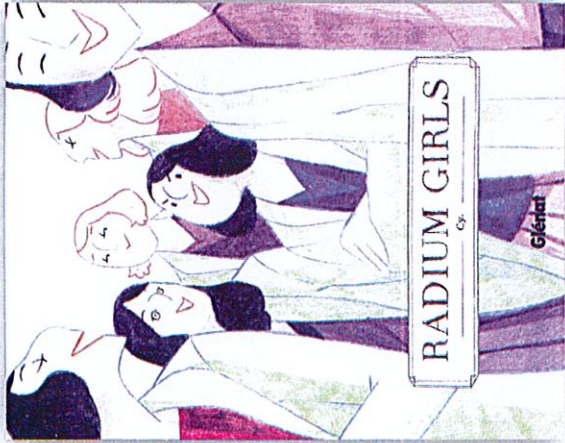
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The series One Piece is a success !

First , the actors are actually in their roles and the costumes are respected. Moreover, the special effects are nice and we're really immersed in the One Piece universe. However, transitions between some of the scenes seem to have been rushed, and a few special effects seem « artificial » which can disrupt the immersion in the story. Finally, if you didn't see the anime or read the manga, the live action may make you want to see the ACTUAL story because the live action didn't respect some aspects of the original universe.

To summarize, the series in live action One Piece deserves its 3.5 stars by offering a good series despite a few defaults, but if you want to start One Piece, I reckon that you can watch it (even the fans, because it's still an interesting way to adapt the actual universe of Eiichiro Oda) ! However if you want to have all the details and the original story, don't watch it !

THE COMIC BOOK of September



The Radium Girls were female factory workers who contracted radiation poisoning from painting radium dials, watch dials and hands with self-luminous paint. After being told that the paint was harmless, the women in each facility ingested deadly amounts of radium after being instructed to "point" their brushes on their lips in order to give them a fine tip. (The women were instructed to point their brushes in this way because using rags or a water rinse caused them to use more time and material). Five women in Illinois who were employees of the Radium Dial Company (which was unaffiliated with the United States Radium Corporation) sued their employer under Illinois law, winning damages in 1938.

#RadiumGirl

★★★★☆

"This comic book is really surprising and touching... That represents the place of women in society and on the labour market. These women make me proud. Thank you for making me to fight for our rights. I Thank you so much for this story Cy."

- Jenna Woudson

#RadiumGirl

★★★★★

"I just loved the comic book Cy gets to reach a very important part of the history, with colored drawing while simplifying the story to touch a larger part of the population. I loved it so much. Moreover she denounced the conditions of work, and the fact that women suffer from these conditions for the rest of their life."

- Estelle Darcy

#RadiumGirl

★★★★★

"It was the first time that I read Cy, and I'm very impressed. To be honest, I'd never feel that during a reading: I loved the story, and the way which this history is narrated. I bought this comic book to each person who will read this comment!"

- John Luyson



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Sex Education, season 4



A NETFLIX SERIES

Only on Netflix
On thursday, September 21, 2023
Last season
All episodes

TOP 10

In this season: Asa Butterfield. Role: Otis Milburn.
Gillian Anderson. Role: Jean Milburn.
Ncuti Gatwa. Role: Eric Effiong.
Emma Mackey. Role: Maeve Wiley.
Aimee Lou Wood. Role: Aimee Gibbs.
Connor Swindells. Role: Adam Groff.
Kedar Williams-Stirling. Role: Jackson Marchetti.
Mimi Keene. Role: Ruby.

The fourth season proves that the source is inexhaustible. Illness, grief, traumatic experience, trans-identity, Sex Education has no shortage of paths to take with these new and old protagonists. Over the seasons, the gang has grown... perhaps a little too much.

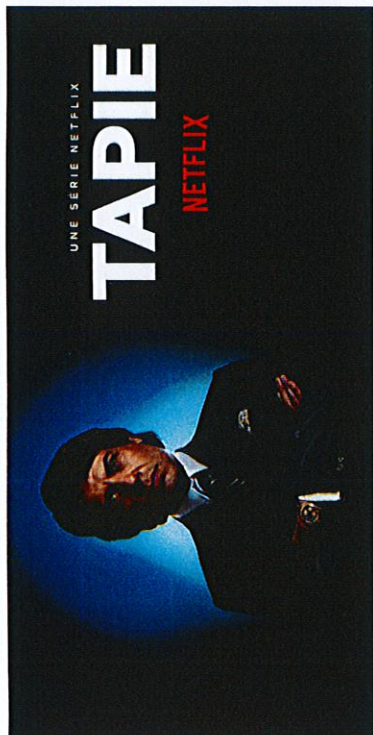
This series is aimed at young people, because it deals with teenage issues : finding yourself, going through break-ups, friendship quarrel, trying to make a name for yourself in high school (like Otis in season 4 with his sexology office) so it's more likely to appeal to young people than to adults.

2,9 ★★

Opinions are mixed : some think that season 4 is useless in that it brings no real evolution, the series has run out of steam and is far from the charm of the first season. Others find the pace of this season different from previous ones, but no less moving.

TAPIE

2023



Produced by Tristan Séguéla and Olivier Demangel
Starring Laurent Lafitte, Joséphine Japy, Camille Chamoux and Fabrice Luchini

The show Tapie announced by Netflix during the summer break was released this 13th September.

It's a semi-fictional biopic about the politician and businessman Bernard Tapie who's famous for his giant career but also for all the frauds he committed.

This biopic includes fictional excerpts. As a matter of fact, the private life of Tapie's family is based on real facts, but it isn't entirely true. However, the series received a lot of good comments thanks to the magnificent recreations of stock shots.

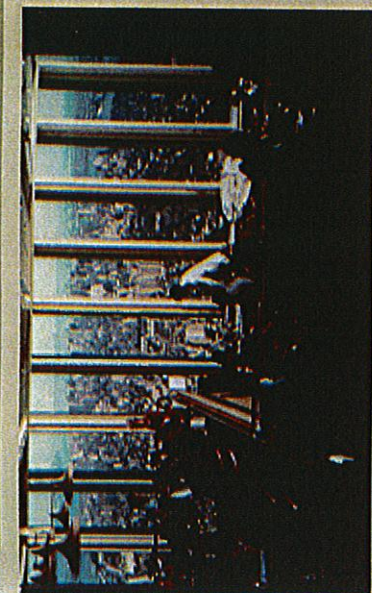
But it wasn't unanimous since, Bernard Tapie's wife, Dominique, publicly affirmed she did not enjoy the show because her husband was, in her way, much more charismatic than Laurent Lafitte who embodies his role.

Dominique added that their private life was totally different from the one in the show. I can't help thinking she can't accept people could eventually think about her husband in an other way than hers. Also, I reckon she hasn't really seen the show because there's a disclaimer about the fictional aspect of the series at the beginning of every episodes. Sorry Dominique !

Should I watch the show ?

- Yes ! You have to !
- If you don't know Bernard Tapie yet, you will learn about his life and his career, you will understand who he was !
 - If you already know him, the show is an opportunity to discover more aspects of his story, also you will be able to fantasize about his love story with Dominique.

"Windows on the World"



"Windows on the World" is a book written by Frédéric Beigbeder. The story is about the attack of the Twin Towers. Do you know the end of the world? A world where everybody die surely death is inevitable. But the story's originality is that everybody died at the same time.

In this book the author comes back on the attack of the towers that took place in the restaurant located on the 110th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center, on September 11, 2001, between 8:30 A.M. and 10:29 A.M.

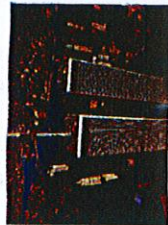
Frédéric Beigbeder

Born September 21, 1965 in Neuilly-sur-Seine, is a French writer, literary critic, screenwriter, television host and director.

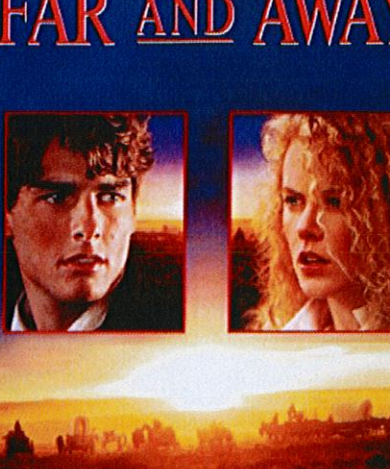
He is the creator of the "Prix de Flore", a literary prize for which he chairs the jury. He was also editorial director of L'Espresso magazine. In 2005 he won the Interallié Prize for Windows on the World. In 2009 the Renaudot Prize for his book A French Novel and in 2018 the Digne Gauche Prize in Paris for his book "Une vie sans fin".

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FAR AND AWAY



A movie poster for the film 'Far and Away'. The title 'FAR AND AWAY' is at the top in a large, red, serif font, with 'AND' underlined. Below the title are two square portraits: on the left, a young man with dark, curly hair (Anthony Quinn) looking intensely at the camera; on the right, a young woman with blonde, curly hair (Nicole Kidman) looking slightly away. The background of the poster is a wide, horizontal landscape at sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange and yellow glow. In the distance, silhouettes of a city or village are visible against the bright sky. The overall mood is romantic and epic.

The plot is historically precise, the colours of Ireland vivid ; the action is breathtaking, the characters larger-than-life. The actors' performance is as perfect as their Irish accent . If you have the opportunity to watch Far& Away , don't miss it ! First time in French to appreciate the plot, colours, action, characters, actors... Second time, in English with English subtitles (get the taste of Irish accent and focus on dialogue). Last but... not least ! Play it in English without subtitles and appreciate the film at LEAST 20 times !

*Horizons lointains

1. Full legal age
2. School room
3. Assessments
4. A loss of mental or physical health
5. To get a diploma
6. Personal work
7. After college
8. Job
9. No money
10. After elementary
11. The act of depressing
12. A document given by an educational institution
13. Learning building

Crossword Puzzle



Virgo : You will work very hard this year because you want so hard to succeed. That's great but don't forget to give yourself some rest by allowing yourself some time to do things that you like, doing shopping, reading, watching tv, or enjoying parties or hanging out with your friends.



Capricorn : Even if you feel tired at the beginning of the year, you're not in great form (hurt or sick) and you feel like you can't do anything! Work hard to achieve your goals. Your morale will soar, your physique will follow



Aquarius : Even if you feel tired at the beginning of the year and it was very complicated financially, by working hard and trusting your abilities, your problems will disappear.



Sagittarius : If you don't feel motivated, think about all the ambitions you had and work hard during this last year to achieve all your dreams. Don't let the lazy side win !!



Pisces : The beginning of the year promises to be radiant for you, your final exam is coming, keep in mind that it's your future that's going to be at stake !! A good star watches over you.



Scorpio : For you, this year will be a sign of new ambitions. Why not discover new passions or hobbies, think about your professional future ! Dare to dream, and aim high!



Taurus : Even if your love life is boring, be ambitious and expand your circle of knowledge, your soulmate is probably among them! Go out of your comfort zone and meet new people, don't be shy and trust yourself.



Aries : The start of the year might be a little complicated in terms of friendship or family. Some people might leave or arrive in your life and all these changes will make you move forward. You will learn to appreciate yourself to your true worth.



Gemini : Even though the start of the school year seems hard, the studies are difficult and your grades are low. You should trust the process ! Keep going ! You will be able to succeed by working hard and trusting yourself.



Libra : It's the last year of high school and you still have no idea about what you want to do in the future. Don't worry ! The stimulus for your choice of study will come very soon when you are not expecting it !



Leo : Unfortunately, you and your friends are not in the same classes this year, and you are scared of losing your bond by not being often together. Don't worry, even though it will require some efforts, your friendship will hold this school year by putting all your efforts in preserving this friendship !!!



Cancer : It's the first time you haven't known any people in your class, but you'll be fine. You will have to deal with it in the way you want. Don't hesitate to open up to your classmates, even though you have some prejudices, you could be surprised!!!

Mélissa M and Alexane

Thank you for reading us ; next issue in December

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S /C Mr Pointereau , Headmaster of Lycée Ronsard

Crosswords solutions

1.majority ; 2. Class ; 3.tests ; 4. Breakdown ; 5.studies ; 6.investissement (with a Franglish mistake just to give you a little challenge 😊) ; 7.university ; 8.work ; 9.poverty ; 10.college ; 11. Depression ; 12.diploma ; 13.school