



# NEWSLETTER

## Fifth house under construction



School results for 2013/2014



EFA supporters



We are excited to offer this edition of our newsletter and share some exciting funding news and an update on the latest building project. We are also delighted to announce that 3 more girls from the EFA houses are University bound this year, making a total of 8 girls at University. We know that the impact of this is very profound, not only because of the inspiration they will be to other girls in their villages who may have never dared to dream of this, but also for Moroccan society at large due to the increased participation of these young women's voices, bringing more balance, diversity and flourishing to society. We are so proud of these girls, all the EFA staff who support them, our volunteers, committed trustees, and all of YOU- our amazing supporters- for your ongoing support to improve the lives of so many girls and their families in rural Morocco.

*Sonia Omar*



“I am proud and honored to be Patron of Education For All. As a parent of teenage children myself, I am acutely aware that education to and beyond secondary level provides the key to the doors of professional opportunity and personal fulfillment. That is why the work of EFA is so important: to give young girls from remote areas of Morocco a chance to realize their dreams and their full potential. One need only look at last year's cohort – whose Baccalaureate graduation my wife and I were pleased to host in our Residence in Rabat –to see the impressive impact which EFA is having.”

*Clive Alderton - Britanic Majesty's Ambassador and EFA patron*

## New Building Update:

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Due to a minor administrative issue, our building project has been slightly delayed, however we are happy to share that we have a temporary solution in place whilst it is being finished.



We have rented a house next door so that the girls can start the new academic year as planned. Once the building is finished (by March 2015) we will simply transfer everything there and continue as usual.

## School results:

### *A message from our Head House Mother, Latifa Aliza.*

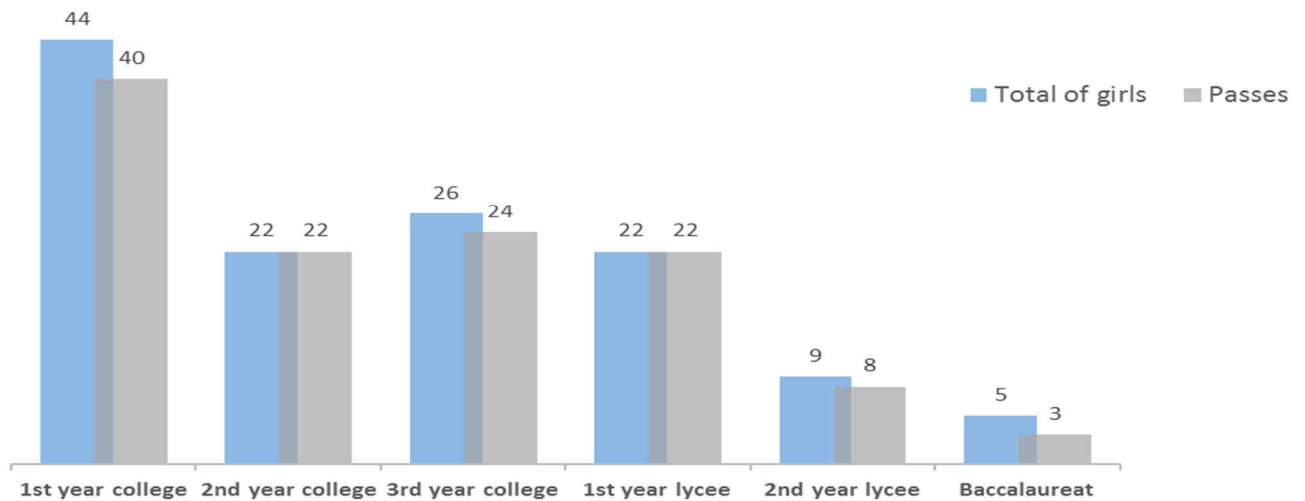


It has been 7 years now since the first house opened. I followed all these beautiful girls and assist in their evolution and their improvement at school. They are working really hard to succeed. And thanks to everyone involved (the committee, the staff, the volunteers and our donors) we have changed the future of over 120 girls ! I'm so proud of them. The results are really good and the last school year we had 93% exam pass rate- much higher than the national average. (the details can be seen on the next page).

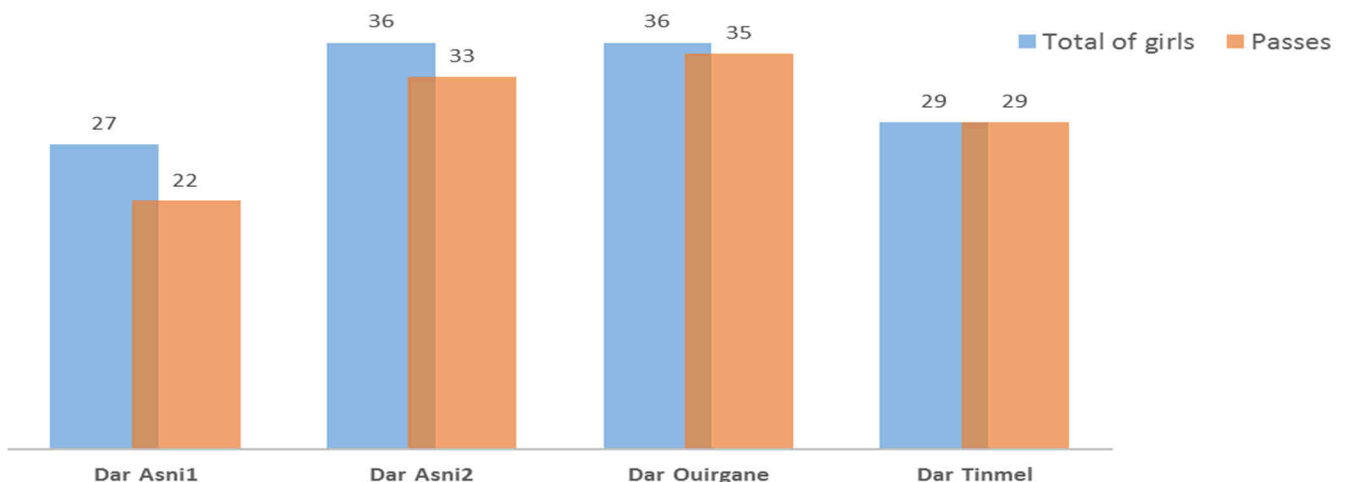
And a special congratulations to Hafida and Zineb (3rd year of college) who are the best students of the whole college in Talat N'Yacoub!



#### Results of the four houses



#### Results per house



## Mike McHugo and Team take on the Le Mans Race for EFA

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Keeping up the pedal power of the Marrakesh Atlas Etape, EFA supporter and Trustee Mike McHugo and team took part in the grueling Le Mans 24 hour cycle to raise money for EFA. So far collectively they have raised over £5000 as well as raising awareness about the work of EFA and our annual Marrakesh Atlas Etape fundraising event (registration is now open: [www.marrakech-atlas-etape.com/register](http://www.marrakech-atlas-etape.com/register))

This is what Mike had to say about the experience:

*"I had set myself my own target of 400Km in only 16hrs...the reality the course is much hillier than expected with some 50metres of altitude per lap (so that means in the 410k I did there was 5,000 meters - twice the gain of Oukmaiden!) taking me 19 hours in total; much more difficult than expected, but I had great company from the other MAE team and of course our support team. At the end I felt it was an achievement I was unlikely to do again. Now a few days later I may be planning the next one!"*

## The Dutch 4 Kids

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We were so lucky when David Burnside, a Scotsman now living in Holland, visited Marrakesh last October and met two of our trustees Cees and Marijke. David founded a charity called The Dutch, bringing golf lovers together to raise money from an annual auction for children's charities. David was immediately interested in the work of EFA and a few months, email exchanges and board meetings later, they chose us as one of their

charities for 2014. We have been kindly gifted some amazing hotel packages to put together an auction lot that we hope will generate lots of money for EFA! We would like to thank David for his amazing support and energy to make this happen and we look forward to the auction results and sharing the good news in the next edition.

## Support From Schools

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We continue to receive great support from Schools. Last month Sonia visited *Lewes Old Grammar School* to give a presentation ahead of their annual charity sponsored walk, which each year brings over £1000 donation to EFA. Lewes Grammar is a long- term supporter of EFA and has been sponsoring Khadija through University. The school also runs a biannual trip of Morocco for their 6 formers, which includes visiting the EFA houses.

*Saxion University* in the Netherlands, and the *International School of Madrid* made their annual visit in the boarding houses. They visited the houses this summer and helped with gardening and building furniture.

We are also grateful to have the ongoing support from *Bristol Grammar School* and *Seven-oaks*.

**We look forward to a long relationship with these schools into the future.**



## The EFA Girls On Vacation

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Being at the EFA houses is about so much more than the academic support. The girls also have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and learn more about their country, culture and the world.

To congratulate the girls for their hard work and success during the school year, Education For All took the girls on day trips to Essaouira and Agadir. For the youngest girls, it was a huge experience to see the sea for the first time!



## Our Volunteers

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The girls always appreciate to have someone to consider as a « khouti » (sister) and over the past 7 years we have had some great volunteers at the EFA houses who make such a difference to the outlook of these girls and bring valuable language and other skills.

For this school year we will welcome two girls:



**Aurélie CANTIN**, 31 years old, is from France and is working as a social educator. She loves working with children and she often travel to Morocco. She will join EFA in February.

*“Education is essential and this proximity to the girls in their daily lives seems to me interesting and close to my actual job.”*



**Lucy GOODMAN** is from England and is 26 years old. An enthusiastic field studies tutor currently working in France with Discover ltd. Keen to support EFA and swap skills with the girls, Lucy enjoys being with people and learning as much as teaching. She will join EFA in January.

Want to get involved?  
Here are some ideas:

- Are you participating in an event and looking for a charity to donate your funds to? Visit <http://www.justgiving.com/efam/> to make a page where your funds go directly to the girls.
- Financially adopt a girl to ensure that she has the opportunity to complete three years of college education.
- Visit our website <http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/donate/index.html> for tips on how to donate.
- Are you a company looking to support us? Join our corporate sponsors.

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girl, you  
educate the  
next  
generation**

*Do you have at least 3 months to give to help girls in rural Morocco?*

## Things to look forward to...



***It's not just about the bike, it's also about girls' education***

**Marrakech Atlas Etape** is an annual cyclosportive starting from the exotic city of Marrakech up to the ski-resort high in the Atlas Mountains and back down again.

The event will take place on **Sunday 26 April 2015.**

Registration is now open!

Follow the link to register or for more information :

[www.marrakech-atlas-etape.com/register](http://www.marrakech-atlas-etape.com/register)



## **Volunteers Required**

Education for All have four boarding houses for girls, two in Asni (45km from Marrakech), one in Ouirgane (60 km from Marrakech) and one in Talat n'Yacoub (100km from Marrakech).

We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to live and work in each of our houses to support the girls with their studies.

- **Your main job** will be to help the girls with their homework and give them **extra French lessons.**
- You will also **help the housemothers** with their daily tasks.
- **Help EFA** to be connected with the donors.



**Recruiting now for 2015-2016.**

If you are interested in volunteering to assist the girls in Morocco, please contact

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