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More than 500,000 students will sit the new baccalaureate specialty exams today for those taking the générale and techno options in their final year. The "new look" bac makes its debut since Jean-Michel Blanquer's reforms which were introduced at the start of the 2019 school year. After two years of disruption caused by the Covid pandemic, the new format can finally be implemented.

A man was stabbed yesterday afternoon in front of a school in Marseille as he came to pick up his children. He received several blows particularly in the throat. A 23-year-old suspect was arrested – a man already known to the police for acts of drug trafficking and who suffers from psychological disorders. An investigation has been opened and any terrorist connections have already been dismissed.

The appeal trial of the former directors of France Télécom opens today. They are being retried before the Paris Court of Appeal for moral harassment. Between 2007 and 2010, the management style of France Télécom, which later became Orange, was said to have contributed to the suicide of 19 of the company's employees, with another 12 attempting to take their lives. The verdict is expected in July but the former CEO Didier Lombard, and his second-in-command, have both already been sentenced to one year in prison, including 8 months suspended and a fine of €15,000.

La France Insoumise has revealed its first nominations for the législatives with a list of 323 candidates although the name of Jean-Luc Mélenchon has not been announced in the Bouches-du-Rhône.

The United States intends to continue supporting Ukraine in its fight against Russian invasion. The American Congress has just voted in support of aid worth \$40 billion to help the stricken country.

And finally, the singer Florent Pagny has told fans that he is 'doing well' as his treatment for lung cancer continues. His message of thanks was posted on Instagram yesterday.

