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67.8% of OLA students achieve A*-A in best results on record!

Abingdon-on-Thames, Oxfordshire – Our Lady's Abingdon has recorded its most successful ever year of A-level results with a 20% increase on last year's A*-A results. The A*-B results are also the best in the school's history, with 83.1% gaining A*-B grades.

Business Studies, Drama, Geography, PE and Textiles Departments all achieved 100% A*-A, with other subjects notably close to achieving this. 53% of students achieved 3 or more A*-A grades

The following 9 pupils achieved 3 or more A*-A grades:

James Wilson, Grace Hummerston, Ellie Flemming, Holly Mayor, Clara Wells, Oliver Wheaton, James Green, Zoe Barrett and Marine Pons.

	2019		2020 (CAGS)		2021 (TAGS)	
	No. Grades	%	No. Grades	%	No. Grades	%
A* grades	12	12.8	47	31.1	21	35.6
A grades	23	24.5	38	25.2	19	32.2
B grades	28	29.8	35	23.2	9	15.3
C grades	13	13.8	25	16.6	9	15.3
D grades	11	11.7	6	4	0	0
E grades	4	4.3	0	0	0	0
U grades	3	3.2	0	0	1	1.7
% A* to A grades	35	37.2	85	56.3	40	67.8
% A* to B grades	63	67	120	79.5	49	83.1
% A* to C grades	76	80.9	145	96	58	98.3
% A* to E grades	91	96.8	151	100	58	98.3

Top performing subjects were:

Department	% A*-A students
Business Studies	100
Drama	100
Geography	100
Physical Education	100
Textiles	100
Psychology	83
Physics	80
English Literature	75
Further Maths	50

EPQ results were notably strong with 100% of students achieving A*-A.

OLA has an established reputation for the 'Value Added' it achieves for its students and this year was no different, with an average VA score across all departments of more than half a grade over baseline predictions. Value added was similar for boys and girls. The departments with the best VA, adding 1.5-2 grades on average are Business, Psychology, PE and English.

Commenting on the results Principal Stephen Oliver said:

This has been a very challenging year for our students and staff but all of their endeavours have certainly paid off today in a remarkable way. Congratulations to all!

Head of OLA 6th Elizabeth Lawson commented:

There are many wonderful achievements today. Congratulations to every student. I am very proud of the wonderful Sixth Form we have and the staff who give so much to help our students succeed so strongly every year.



OLA Pupils

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BOILER PLATE

OLA (Our Lady's Abingdon) is a Catholic independent day school for students aged 7 to 18, offering a highly successful fun and innovative learning experience in a happy and friendly community.

The school's success comes from a combination of six key factors which create the unique OLA learning adventure:

1. **Small school:** With under 400 pupils in total, OLA offers everyone the possibility of representing the school in a wide range of confidence-developing activities, including sport, drama, music, academic competitions and other chances to thrive, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
2. **Small classes:** We have a very high teacher to pupil ratio, meaning our class sizes are smaller than you will find elsewhere. OLA provides a more individual learning experience that fully nurtures academic potential.
3. **Fun and innovative learning:** Helps pupils to be fully engaged in the academic life of the school leading to exam results that regularly exceed pupil baseline predications. Find out more about our exam results.
4. **Highly praised pastoral care:** Our staff work closely alongside our pupils to encourage, motivate and support each child, helping them to grow as confident, successful and happy individuals.
5. **Family community:** OLA encourages an open dialogue between home and school through a range of effective channels.
6. **Catholic Christian ethos:** This is the foundation of everything we do, creating the family community so valued by OLA parents. The school accepts children of all faiths and none and helps them aspire to such values as integrity, compassion, openness, forgiveness, reconciliation, co-operation and courage.



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