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**Happy learners make successful achievers;  
almost a quarter of OLA students achieved A\*  
- A grades**

Abingdon-on-Thames, Oxfordshire – Our Lady’s Abingdon has recorded a very successful year of A-level results with A\*-A results up from 2019, the last time students sat public exams.

A wonderful set of A-Level results for OLA Upper Sixth students, with almost a quarter of the year group achieving straight A\*-A grades. OLA has a strong tradition of academic excellence and achievement, and these A-Levels were the first set of public exams for these students. It is a testament to their commitment and resilience that they were able to achieve such excellent results.

As well as 22% of students achieving straight A\*-A grades, 3 students scored straight A\* grades with one of these students achieving an excellent 4 A\*s. Well over half of our students, 58.5%, achieved ABB or higher, which is a set of results widely regarded to be necessary to secure entry to a top university.

The vast majority of students have secured their firm university choice at a range of top Russell Group universities, including Bristol, Durham, Exeter, St. Andrew’s and Warwick.

Results are higher than 2019, which was the last time students sat public exams. 55% grades were A\*-A compared to 37% in 2019, and 78% grades were A\*, A or B which was also higher than 2019 (67%).

Straight A\* students: Meredith Corley (Art, Eng. Lit and History), James Rendell (Comp Sci, Maths and Physics), Dominic Warburton (Art, Latin, Maths and Physics).

Other pupils who achieved straight A\*/As: Pippa Bailey, Isobel Glover, Emily Irving, Charlotte Pettipher, James Quinn, Megan Rowles

OLA has an established reputation for the ‘Value Added’ it achieves for its students and this year was no different. OLA supports each and every student based on the firm belief that happy learners make successful achievers.

## Commenting on the results Head of OLA, Daniel Gibbons said:

“We are so proud of all of our students, in what has been a challenging time but all of their endeavours have certainly paid off today in a remarkable way. Congratulations to all!”



OLA 6<sup>th</sup> Prefects 2022

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## BOILER PLATE

OLA (Our Lady's Abingdon) is a Catholic Independent Co-educational Day School for 7 -18s Welcoming all faiths and none, offering a highly successful fun and innovative learning experience in a happy and friendly community.

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

- **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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Family community:** OLA encourages an open dialogue between home and school through a range of effective channels.
- **Catholic Christian ethos:** This is the foundation of everything we do, creating the family community so valued by OLA courage.



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