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## **OLA Pupils achieve top grades in another outstanding GCSE performance**

Abingdon-on-Thames, Oxfordshire – Our Lady's Abingdon are celebrating another strong year of GCSE results. 31% of OLA GCSE/iGCSE grades were Level 9 grades in another outstanding

## GCSE performance with 71.7% of all grades falling in the 9-7 grade bracket.

15 students (31% of the Year 11 cohort) gained 10 or more of the highest 9-7 grades: Ellie Birtwistle, Rosie Gallacher, Olivia Marczak, Magali Mollhoff, Charlotte Payne, Isabelle Plater, Felicity Sheldon, Katie Walker, Sophie Whyman, Eleanor Whyte, Jinung Bae, Louis Bury-Peters, Isaac Markovitz, Scott Ulyatt and Toby Webster.

The 2021 results show an increase in grades 9-7 from 2020

Grades	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021
Grades 9 – 7	46.80%	55.00%	71.70%
Grades 9 – 6	64.80%	70.10%	85.40%
Grades 9 – 4	92.10%	89.40%	99.60%
Grades 9 – 2	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Biology, Physics, Geography and Music topped the subject performance table with 100% grades 9-7.

Top performing subjects:

Subject	Grades 9-7
Geography	100.00%
Physics	100.00%
Biology	100.00%
Music	100.00%
English Literature	98%
English Language	96%
Chemistry	95%

**Commenting on the GCSE results, school Principal Stephen Oliver said:** “Yet another excellent set of results for OLA in both academic and broader curriculum subjects. Well done to all our students and staff for this tremendous achievement. I want to congratulate our Biologists, Musicians, Geographers and Physicists in particular for this superb result and thank every student for their dedication and application in what has been a very challenging year.”



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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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