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OLA Pupils achieve top grades in another excellent GCSE performance

Abingdon-on-Thames, Oxfordshire – Our Lady's Abingdon are celebrating another strong year of GCSE results, continuing their long tradition of examination success. 56% of all grades were 9, 8 and 7, which is significantly higher than 2019.

Considering the disruption to education experienced by these pupils in the last 2 and a half years, this is a tremendous achievement and a well-deserved reward for their commitment and resilience.

In addition to the excellent 56% 9-7 grades, 38% grades were 9 and 8 and 72% grades were 6 and above. For most A-Level courses, pupils require either GCSE grades of 6 or 7 in that particular subject so OLA pupils are able to continue to study the subjects in which they have demonstrated an aptitude, and for which they have a passion.

As well as continued strong performances in STEM subjects, there have also been exceptional performances in English, Geography, History and RS.

Special congratulations must be given to Laura I who achieved 12 grade 9s, including an additional grade 9 in Further Maths. Further Maths is offered as an extra GCSE for the most able mathematicians. 6 other pupils who achieved straight 9-7 grades which is equivalent to A*-A in the previous grading system – Eleanor A, Catherine D, Aaryan J, Alfie N, Benjamin W and Benny W.

As a school, OLA is able to add considerable value to an individual pupil's performance. Class sizes are small and year group sizes are also comparatively small, meaning that teachers are able to form positive relationships with all pupils and to monitor the progress of each pupil closely. OLA enables all pupils to make the most of their gifts, and to achieve beyond their expectations. The School welcomes pupils of all abilities and caters for pupils with a wide range of special educational needs, and all are enabled to fulfil their potential.

Commenting on the GCSE results, Head of OLA, Daniel Gibbons said: "We are proud of all of our pupils' achievements, and all teachers contribute to the excellent level of support for each individual so that 'happy learners make successful achievers'."



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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.
- **Happy learners make successful achievers:** OLA helps pupils to be fully engaged in the academic life of the school leading to exam results that regularly exceed pupil baseline predications.

- **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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