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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. An outstanding 95% of results are graded 9-4, with 48% graded 9-7 and 46% achieved at least one grade 9.

OLA is proud of their GCSE pupils this year, who have achieved higher than the last set of GCSE public exams in 2019. An outstanding 95% of results are graded 9-4, with 48% graded 9-7. The fact that 46% achieved at least one grade 9 reinforces our ethos of meeting the individual pupil's needs.

Pupils achieved well in core subjects with 47% of pupils achieving a 9-8 grade in English Language and 48% of pupils achieving a 9-7 grade in Mathematics. 60% of pupils achieved straight 9-5 grades and one pupil, Stephen W, achieved an exceptional set of results with 11 grade 9s. Lana J also achieved well with 6 grade 8s and 3 grade 9s. Special congratulations must be given to Stephen, Elias, Tobi and Jemma who achieved grade 9 in Further Maths. Further Maths is offered as an extra GCSE for the most able mathematicians and is studied off timetable.

These results, in addition to our A-Level results last week, are testimony to the resilience and determination of our pupils and the nurturing support and commitment of our inspiring teachers who work tirelessly to ensure every pupil fulfils their potential.

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: "OLA has a diverse range of pupils, and it is a testament to the strong relationships between pupils and teachers that each and every individual is able to fulfil their potential. We continue to live out our core purpose of "*To each according to their needs*", and we are very proud of each individual pupil and all that they achieve,

both in and out of the classroom. All pupils at all levels of ability have performed to their potential in their GCSE exams, and we welcome them to OLA 6th.”

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.
- **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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