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OLA students achieve academic excellence as A* grades have more than doubled over last year

Abingdon-on-Thames, Oxfordshire – Our Lady's Abingdon has recorded another successful year of A-level results.

The percentage of A* grades increased from 7% to 16%, higher than pre-Covid results. A fantastic 88% of EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) students achieved A* - A and two-thirds of all students achieved a top grade (A*, A, B) in at least one of their subjects.

Five students, Benjamin, Aaryan, Alvin, Alfie and Benedict achieved straight A* and A grades, compared to two last year. Benjamin achieved an incredible 4 A*s. Alfie not only attained two A*'s in Physics and Maths and an A in Computer studies - he also achieved an A in Further maths. Aaryan also achieved an A in AS Further Maths, while Virginia, who joined OLA for sixth form achieved her first choice of university and the next highest grades in the cohort. Grades A* - B and C returned a similar result to last year with some students achieving a good academic growth on their GCSE results.

OLA has a diverse range of students, some of whom have additional needs, and it is a testament to the strong relationships between students and teachers that each and every individual is able to fulfil their potential.

In addition, **91%** of OLA 6th students were offered places at their first or insurance university at a range of top Russell Group and various other universities across the country. The diversity of our students is reflected in their subject choices which include Neuroscience, Psychology, Accounting and Finance, Mathematics with Finance and Economics, Geography/International Relations, Mechanical Engineering, Performance Design and Film Costume, Computer Games Development, Human-Animal Interaction with Psychology, Business Management, Criminology, Real Estate, Architecture, Sport Rehabilitation, Wildlife Conservation with Zoo Biology, Fashion Marketing and Management, Broadcast Journalism, Creative Film, Television and Philosophy

Top Achievers: Benjamin, Benedict, Virginia, Alvin, Aaryan and Alfie.



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

"Academic excellence continues to be our goal at OLA and we are proud of the achievements of each and every student. Our wonderfully motivated students continue to embody our core purpose, "To each according to their needs", with students of all abilities exceeding their expectations in all subjects. This year, in particular, our most able students have performed at the very highest levels with more than double the percentage of A grades compared to last year, and more than double the number of students achieving straight A*/A grades."*

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BOILER PLATE

OLA (Our Lady's Abingdon) is a Catholic Independent Co-educational Day School for ages 7 -18 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 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.
- **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 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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