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# GEOGRAPHY

## Entry Requirements:

Grade 5 GCSE Geography or above.

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## What will I do?

This A Level (AQA) consists of three components:

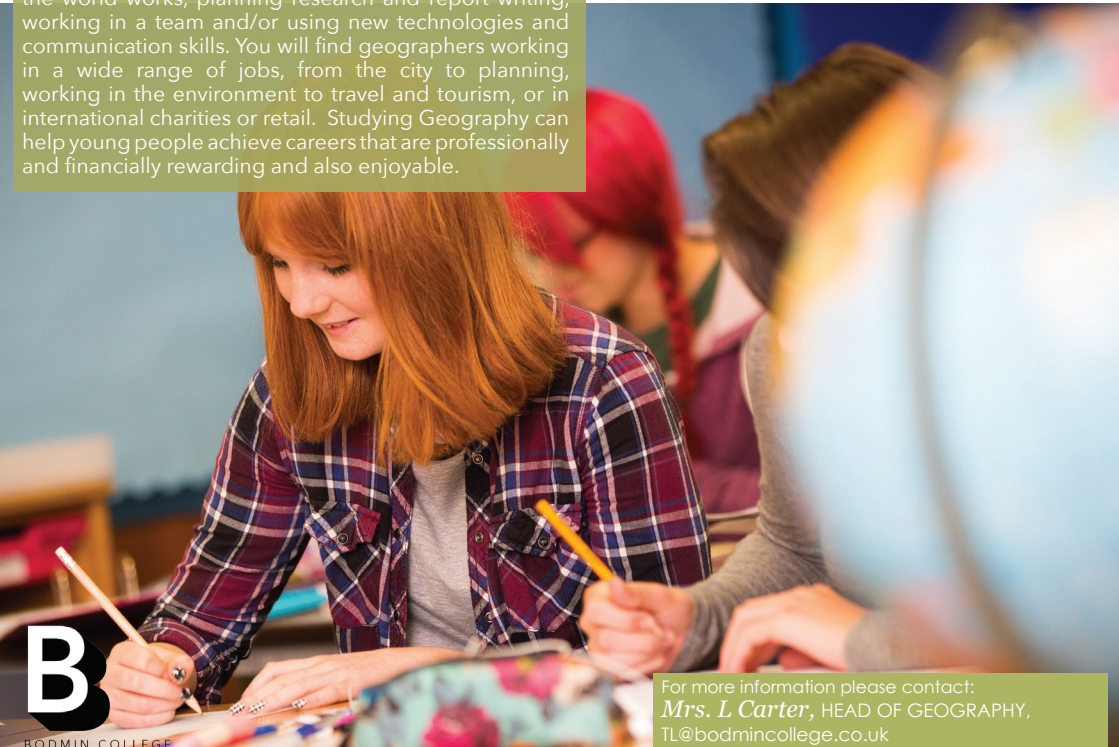
1. **Physical Geography:** 40% of the A Level grade and assessed with a written examination (2 hours 30 minutes). This section of the specification includes coastal systems and landscapes, hazards and water and carbon cycles. Geographical skills will be assessed throughout this component.
2. **Human Geography:** 40% of the A Level grade and assessed with a written examination (2 hours 30 minutes). This section of the specification includes changing places, global systems and global governance, plus contemporary urban environments. Geographical skills will be assessed throughout this component.
3. **Geography Fieldwork Investigation:** 20% of the A Level grade and assessed with a 3,000-4,000 word individual investigation. The investigation can be based on a question or issue relating to any part of the A Level course. In addition, geographical skills will be assessed throughout this component. Field trips to support preparation for this investigation include visits to Bodmin, Rock and Polzeath; however the students will also be expected to carry out independent fieldwork/data collection. We are also very excited that our biannual trip to Iceland is now back and available for Year 12 and 13.

**Is this for me?** Geography is not only up-to-date and relevant, it is one of the most exciting, adventurous and valuable subjects to study today. So many of the world's current problems boil down to Geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them.

Global warming, sustainable food production, natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, the spread of disease, the reasons for migration and the future of energy resources, are just some of the great challenges facing the next generation of geographers.

Choosing Geography can open the doors to a university degree, either specifically in geography or by combining Geography with other A Levels to gain a place on a degree programme in another subject. An A Level in Geography is recognised for its academic 'robustness' and, most importantly, it also helps young people into the world of work.

Employers appreciate the knowledge and skills that studying Geography can provide, be it knowing how the world works, planning research and report writing, working in a team and/or using new technologies and communication skills. You will find geographers working in a wide range of jobs, from the city to planning, working in the environment to travel and tourism, or in international charities or retail. Studying Geography can help young people achieve careers that are professionally and financially rewarding and also enjoyable.



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