The Geography Section within the Department of Curriculum Management will be distributing a large wall map (124 cm X 120 cm) of the Maltese Islands to all Secondary and Post-Secondary Schools.

The map displays all major towns and villages as well as the principal roads. The physical content includes the main watercourses and valleys, headlands and beaches, as well as altitude represented in eleven different colours. Latitude and longitude lines are also included. Four map insets enhance the value of the main map featuring: a geological map with major fault lines; a geological cross-section along Malta; a geological overview of the central Mediterranean showing the main plate boundaries and a map of Malta showing the 68 local council boundaries together with their official coat of arms.

The map has a washable surface and is ready to be hung in the classroom with mounting rods. It also provides the best combination of size giving the best visual representation of the Maltese Islands. This solves the effect seen on other maps where Gozo is always placed in an inset and never in its actual location.

The map is mainly appropriate for students in years 7 to 11 in the secondary schools and those attending post-secondary institutions and includes content that meets the requirement of the geography school curriculum. This new map is an excellent teaching tool and a stunning addition to any classroom wall. The map will enable students to display, record and analyse information about their local physical and human environment. Teachers are encouraged to make extensive use of this new resource in class since understanding and using maps involves the simultaneous use of a number of concepts and skills including aerial perspective, proportion, map language and arrangement. Students can use their map literacy skills to discover and interpret their country in a critical and informed way.

The geography department has available also a number of smaller wall maps of the Maltese Islands (100 cm X 70 cm). Schools wishing to obtain a number of these smaller maps are kindly asked to contact Mr Edward Gilson on edward.gilson@ilearn.edu.mt.

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