Year 8



Content - Big ideas

Plate Tectonics (8.1)

Big question: What are the processes involved in the formation of earthquakes and volcanoes?

Learning outcome: Students will be able to describe the structure of the Earth and how this structure contributes to the processes that lead to tectonic activity and some of the major landforms.

Population (8.2)

Big question: How does changing population influence the development of a country? Learning outcome: Students will be able to calculate population change, explain population structure and link this to various indicators of development in order to compare countries.

Migration (8.3)

Big question: What are the causes and types of migration? Learning outcome: Students will be able to describe the different types of migration and explain the push and pull factors in different scenarios.

Rivers (8.4)

Big question: How does rainfall make its way to the sea? Learning outcome: Students will be able to describe the hydrological (water) cycle and drainage basin systems

Prior learning

The ability to name the continents, oceans and some of the countries of the world, especially in Europe.

Global/IOM/Subject Links

- Geographical factors that influence where people live and travel to, as well as global population change and the pressures that this is causing.
- Population change and the importance of rivers on the IOM
- Migration push and pull factors (Religious Studies)
- History of migration (History)

Subject specific skills development

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- Latitude and longitude to identify location
- Grid references to identify river features

Graph

• Plotting a variety of graph types using geographical data

Enquiry

- Analysing geographical data to make evidence based conclusions
- Understanding different viewpoints of stakeholders in a number of situations