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### Teen's joy as skateboarding added to GCSE

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A teenager who campaigned for skateboarding to be included in school qualifications is proud to see it added to the list of approved GCSE sports in Wales.

Osian George, 15, said that while he lost out on the extra training opportunities, he is "very happy" others will now benefit.

The skateboarder from Cross Hands, Carmarthenshire, began the sport at just five years old and now competes regularly, coming second in last year's Urban Games in Cardiff.

Qualifications Wales this week added 13 new sports to the approved list for GCSE level physical education, including skateboarding.

Other newly-allowed sports include BMX, shooting, kickboxing and wakeboarding.

In June 2023, the independent qualification regulator published the approval criteria for a new Made-for-Wales GCSE in Physical Education and Health, which will be available for first teaching from September 2026.

"I am really glad that they have allowed it, because I think it's going to give a lot of opportunities to young skateboarders," said Osian.

"It makes me feel good that I have helped make this happen. It does disappoint me a bit that I didn't have this opportunity, but now at least other young people will."

The change makes Wales the second UK nation to include skateboarding, behind Northern Ireland.

Sam Horler, Welsh hub and operations lead for Skateboard GB, said the inclusion of skateboarding was "long overdue".

"I think it's a brilliant opportunity for people, for health, for wellbeing, for communities and it's going to be a much more fun experience doing their GCSEs as well."

Osian explained that being able to choose skateboarding at GCSE level allowed young skateboarders extra time and resources to craft their skills, while also boosting their academic attainment.

"Considering football and tennis were already included, people who were into those sports had those opportunities, but people like me didn't," he said.

"I think it put people who were into skateboarding off doing PE at school, but now they are more likely to do the GCSE."

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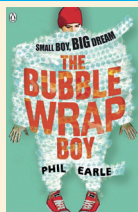
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