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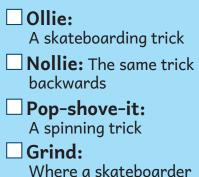


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TODAY'S NEWS STORY

Official! Skateboarding made a GCSE in Wales

KEYWORDS



Where a skateboarder slides down the rails

Skateboarding has been added to the list of sports you can do for the GCSE in Physical Education in Wales.

Radical

It's time to swot up for your exams. Do you know your ollie from your nollie? Have you perfected your pop-shove-its yet? If not, you've got to hit that halfpipe before it's too late. Soon, Welsh students will have the chance to grind their way to a nine in PE. Skateboarding, along with



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The tricks used in modern skateboarding were first tried out in the 1970s. For years, the sport was associated with danger and bad behaviour. It was banned in Norway for 11 years. But in the 2000s, it became more and more popular and widely accepted.

BMX, shooting, kickboxing, wakeboarding, and nine other sports, has been added to the list of officially approved sports for the GCSE PE exam.

New tricks

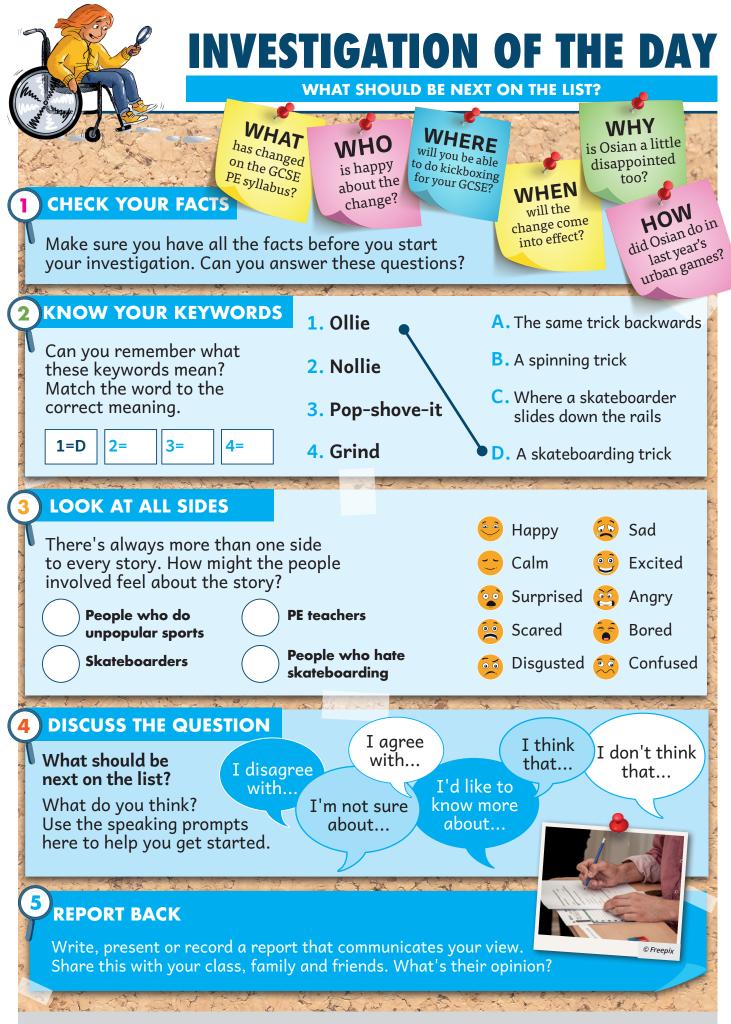
For 15-year-old Osian George, the change has come too late. But the skateboarder, who came second in the 2023 Cardiff Urban Games, is pleased that other kids can study and skateboard at the same time. "I am really glad that they have allowed it, because I think it's going to give a lot of opportunities to young skateboarders," said Osian.

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

Leap forward

After reaching the Olympics in 2020, the classroom was the obvious next jump. The change to the syllabus will come into effect in 2026.

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