



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

Official! Skateboarding made a GCSE in Wales

KEYWORDS

- Ollie:**
A skateboarding trick
- Nollie:** The same trick backwards
- Pop-shove-it:**
A spinning trick
- Grind:**
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



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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.



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

WHAT SHOULD BE NEXT ON THE LIST?

WHAT
has changed
on the GCSE
PE syllabus?

WHO
is happy
about the
change?

WHERE
will you be able
to do kickboxing
for your GCSE?

WHEN
will the
change come
into effect?

WHY
is Osian a little
disappointed
too?

HOW
did Osian do in
last year's
urban games?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

1=D

2=

3=

4=

1. Ollie

2. Nollie

3. Pop-shove-it

4. Grind

A. The same trick backwards

B. A spinning trick

C. Where a skateboarder slides down the rails

D. A skateboarding trick

3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?



People who do unpopular sports



PE teachers



Skateboarders



People who hate skateboarding



Happy



Sad



Calm



Excited



Surprised



Angry



Scared



Bored



Disgusted



Confused

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

What should be next on the list?

What do you think? Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...

I agree with...

I'm not sure about...

I'd like to know more about...

I think that...

I don't think that...



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5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?