PROFESSIONAL SPORTS



A high-pressure, high-profile career choice

Are YOU...?

- ✓ super talented?
- physically fit and coordinated?
- competitive?
- ✓ disciplined?
- committed to long, gruelling training sessions?
- willing to travel, train and potentially live abroad?

Do YOU have...?

- masses of stamina?
- grit and determination?

...then this COULD BE YOU!

Learn another LANGUAGE to step into the international world of sport





How? Think about:

- Applying for a scholarship or sponsorship from a local company
- ✓ Getting a professional trainer or coach
- Trials for local, regional or national squads in your sport
- ✓ Taking every opportunity to showcase your talent where there may be talent spotters – this might even mean having to travel abroad, so language skills might be useful

Think Languages:

"Having a knowledge of French was really important before moving to France as when I met the coach and President of the team I was to sign for, they were very impressed by the fact that I could speak French and I'm sure it was a factor in them offering me a contract. My advice to any young student would be to continue to study a language, as it is an invaluable skill no matter what kind of career you go into. It can open up so many doors in the future and allow you to do so much."

- Jamie Robinson, Wales International Rugby Player and Outside Centre at Agen, France

Want to know more? Check these out:

Advice -

- Sports Wales www.sportwales.org.uk
- Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) www.tass.gov.uk
- Sports Leaders UK www.sportsleaders.org

Advice on the next step -

- www.ucas.com
- www.careerswales.com

Advice on languages -

- www.ciltcymru.org.uk
- · www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/cymru
- · www.studyinglanguages.ac.uk
- www.languageswork.org.uk
- www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk
- · www.europa.eu/languages
- Check out the European Commission's website for opportunities to work and study abroad: http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learningprogramme/languages_en.htm

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