OUTDOOR PURSUITS INSTRUCTOR

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Want to know more?
Check these out:
Advice on becoming an outdoor pursuits instructor –
• Institute of Outdoor Learning
  www.outdoor-learning.org/
• National Watersports Centre
  www.plasmenai.co.uk
• Diving qualifications under PADI
  www.padi.com/scuba
Advice on planning a gap year –
• www.gapwork.com • www.gapyear.com
• www.gogapyear.com • www.gapadvice.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-learning-programme/languages_en.htm
How?
Think about:
✓ Getting as much experience as you can in the speciality you want to go into – do a course to learn it yourself first and then go on to do an instructor’s course
✓ Studying for a degree in Sports Science which may touch on aspects of your particular activity. To get onto a course, most universities ask for GCSEs in Maths and a Science and 2 good A Levels including a Science
✓ Studying for a teaching qualification (not essential in most cases but good experience on the CV)
✓ Taking a gap year abroad and e.g. doing a ski season to train in your activity - this will also help to improve your language skills

Think Languages:
“A career in snow-sports, for example, is not only fun and healthy but offers amazing travel opportunities all over the world. There is no doubt that having a second language and even a third language will increase your opportunities to travel and teach snow-sports not just in the Alps but all over the world.”
- Gareth Roberts, Chairman of the British Association of Snow-sports Instructors (BASI)

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