

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-learning-programme/languages_en.htm