

# MSP congratulates Oaklands School on winning sporting gold

Jeremy Balfour, Scottish Conservative MSP for the Lothian Region, visited Oaklands School on Ferry Road this week where he heard first-hand about their tremendous achievement of winning a Gold award from **sportscotland** for school sporting opportunities.

Oaklands School provides a significantly modified learning environment for pupils with complex long-term additional support needs, and this gold award is a triumph for both the staff and pupils at the school.



Jeremy Balfour MSP

Jeremy said : “I was delighted to hear about Oaklands Gold success at the **sportscotland** school sports awards. Oaklands school work extremely hard to support pupils who have a wide range of severe physical and learning disabilities and it is wonderful to hear they have rewarded for all their efforts. Obviously many sports need to be adapted to the needs of the

pupils, but it's fantastic to see the pupils engaging in a range modified sports activities. I was also impressed to see their 'InnoWalk' device, which is a motorised piece of equipment that gives some pupils with limited mobility the chance to experience assisted and repetitive movement in an upright, weight-bearing position."

[Jeremy has raised a motion](#) at Holyrood to congratulate the school on their award and raise awareness among other MSPs of this achievement.