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I don't think anyone could have predicted the changes enforced on us all through 2020 and how that would affect business, industry and our lives in general. Despite everything that has happened in the past 12 or so months, we have continued to deliver some fantastic sport, play and cricket projects around the world and have been continually amazed at the dedication, effort and support we've had from customers across all of our departments.

Indeed, it's impossible to introduce this edition of our portfolio without acknowledging that 2020 has been an incredibly difficult and challenging time for us all and so we appreciate and understand that we are extremely lucky to have managed to continue many schemes even whilst we were in periods of lockdown. As health, activity, sport and recreation has been at the forefront of thinking as a result of COVID-19, we are continuing to see many schools looking to maximise the quality of their sports facility and provision to ensure that they can offer the best solutions for their students and the wider community in the future.

With many of our friends, family and partners working in industries badly affected by the impact of COVID-19, we appreciate that being in a position where we can continue to deliver fantastic projects throughout the UK is a privilege not afforded to all businesses and industries. In addition, we are grateful for the continuing support of our commercial partners, suppliers and contractors across our entire business.

With all eyes looking ahead to a new year and a better 2021, we hope that the following pages give you inspiration as to what can be achieved in even the most trying times.

Finally, whilst we have had the good fortune that everyone at Notts Sport has been safe and well, we wish to offer anyone that has lost family, friends or loved ones in the past twelve months our best wishes and condolences.

Kind regards

Duncan Bennett, Managing Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Duncan Bennett', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.





# FULBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Address	Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes MK17 8NY
Facility size	97.60m x 61.00m 3G FIFA Compliant Football and Rugby 30.00m Cricket Match Pitch
Pitch system	International Level Long Jump Facility Desso IQ4 and ShockWave EcoBase
Value	£606,000

Fulbrook Middle School first met with Notts Sport at an exhibition show back in 2013. Having researched their ideal facility and linking with local sports clubs to create a robust business plan, they reconnected with Notts Sport in the summer of 2014 who worked closely with the school on the intricate planning application for over a year, to ascertain the schools exact requirements.

Due to the lack of funding the school decided to use the Notts Sport Fast Track Funding initiative for part of the payment, thus keeping control of the scheme throughout. The completed facility consisted of a 3G pitch fully compliant for football and rugby using our ground breaking shockpad ShockWave, an ECB approved cricket match wicket using the pioneering surface NottsGrass Ultra and double long jump to Olympic standard.

Ex-pupil and Chelsea and England international footballer, Ben Chilwell, said “It’s great to see my old middle school building such good facilities for the students to enjoy.”

Lin Diaby, the School Business Manager, commented “After years of planning to get a 3G pitch at Fulbrook Academy and finally securing some funding towards the cost, I came across Notts Sport and the next stages were made so much easier to manage. From managing the design, planning and installation, to arranging funding for the remainder of the costs with an ESFA approved operating lease, the team were excellent.

“The facility has proved hugely popular with our pupils, the local football clubs and Milton Keynes Dons first team, who used the pitch for training when their facility was flooded.”

With such a bad winter in 2019 the MK Dons training facility was flooded and were offered the use of the new 3G pitch. The players and coaching staff were incredibly impressed with the facility. The MK Dons First-Team Manager, Russell Martin said “It is the best 3G facility they have trained on in the area.” The PE Team and pupils at Fulbrook Academy agree.



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Lin Diaby, School Business Manager







# BOLTON SCHOOL

Address	Chorley New Rd, Bolton BL1 4PA
Facility size	110.00m x 65.00m Hockey and Lacrosse
Pitch system	Edel ID Sand-obscured
Value	£913,600

Bolton School wanted to expand their incredible sports facilities by adding a top level hockey and lacrosse artificial pitch, so approached Notts Sport who were appointed to complete full design and planning. Works began at the beginning of April and were completed over the school summer holidays in time for the new school term.

There were additional works completed on the project including a spectator seating section, car parking, floodlighting and shelters for the visiting teams.

Based at the Leverhulme Pavilion, set away from the main school building, the pitch sits alongside tennis courts, netball courts and playing fields for football and rugby.

Girls' Division Headmistress Sue Hincks said “I am delighted that the girls will have the opportunity to play lacrosse on an artificial pitch which means that there will be no risk of our playing surface turning to mud on wet days.

“The artificial grass will allow heavier use than our current playing surfaces as there is no need for recovery time between games. The girls will also benefit from the consistency of the surface which will not change from day to day.”

The spectacular new pitch is not only used by the school but for the local community too, including Bolton Hockey Club who now use the facility as their new home base.

The National Hockey Foundation provided a grant of £50k to encourage hockey playing in the Bolton area and the pitch is now hired out in the evenings and weekends to clubs and teams.

Philip Britton, Headmaster of the Boys’ Division at the school said “Finally, home games will actually be at home! However, what is better now than it would have been back then has been the opportunity to plan the school facility with the local club and be part of town-wide plans for facilities development. We hope that the facility will make just as much difference to hockey in Bolton as it will to hockey at Bolton School.”



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Sue Hincks, Girls' Division Headmistress







# THE HERTFORDSHIRE & ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL

Address	Warwick Rd, Bishop’s Stortford CM23 5NJ
Facility size	107.40m x 65.00 Hockey
Pitch system	TigerTurf Evo Pro and Trocellen ProGame
Value	£1,100,000

Notts Sport worked with The Hertfordshire and Essex School on their project for over 12 months before construction began. The school had a field off site that they wanted to develop into a new, state of the art sports centre, including a hockey pitch, tennis and netball courts.

In 2019 Notts Sport was appointed to the project and worked closely with TigerTurf and Trocellen to get the system tested to the new Gen2 standards, this was a unique system and the first installed in the world.

The school had funded the sports centre using grants and their own finances, but the pitch and courts were paid for using the Notts Sport funding service, Fast Track Funding. The project, which included an access road, acoustic fencing and floodlighting to both the pitch and courts, became the largest funded project to date using this proven scheme.

Hayley Jones, the Assistant Headteacher and Director of Sport at the school said “As soon as we knew that Notts Sport were England Hockey’s approved suppliers we knew that we had to ask them to build our pitch.

“Our pitch is used by the school for both PE and competitive sport, however we are partnered with Bishop’s Stortford Hockey Club who use the pitch for both training and competitive match play. It was a joint decision to ask Notts Sport to manage our project, as we felt reassured by their fantastic customer service throughout the whole project, from the tendering process through to completion, their staff were nothing but helpful and knowledgeable.

“It is great to have such a fantastic facility here at the school, which can double up for community use and act as an amazing home to the club. It has improved our school and club links tremendously and has meant that we have greater opportunities to allow our students to play hockey to a higher standard.”



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Hayley Jones, Assistant Headteacher and Director of Sport





# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address	Langbank Ave, Binley, Coventry CV3 2QP
Facility size	61.00m x 43.00m 3G Football and Rugby
Pitch system	CC Grass AeroX 60 and ShockWave EcoBase
Value	£319,000

In 2018 Patrick Taggart, the Director of Operations at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School and The Romero Catholic Academy, met with Notts Sport following recommendations from the surfacing manufacturers, this referral gave the school the confidence to use the Notts Sport project management and Fast Track Funding service.

The pitch was previously a playing field, used occasionally for football, which couldn't be used during the winter months due to poor drainage. The terrible ground conditions meant that it required stabilisation to allow a clean and solid base to work from, although still keeping the works within the budget set. Much of the earth was removed to create a bund and a level natural playing field for school use alongside the new 3G pitch.

The facility, which was installed with the innovative ShockWave EcoBase system, is a fully compliant rugby and football surface with sport laboratory test showing HIC (Head Impact Criteria) results of over 2.69m, making the system the world's safest for rugby.

Patrick said "We were looking to install a new 3G football pitch at the academy and having met Notts Sport we were impressed with the services they offered. We worked closely with the team and our chosen contractors, during the 10 week build, and any obstacles that were encountered were quickly and professionally dealt with.

"The academy is thrilled with the facility and has received many compliments from both our pupils, teachers also local community teams who benefit from the pitch out of school hours.

"We would certainly recommend working with Notts Sport. We found their knowledge and dedication in getting the project over the line first class and we kept to the project deadlines despite some very difficult weather conditions."



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Patrick Taggart, Director of Operations







7 YEARS  
45 PROJECTS  
£374K AVERAGE  
£16.9M FUNDED

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Fast Track Funding

Unique to Notts Sport, Fast Track Funding is a proven method for all schools, academies, independent schools and colleges as well as universities and local authorities to achieve their vision and strategy for external sport, cricket and play facilities without any upfront capital costs necessary.

Through this innovative, non-traditional funding route we provide a completely flexible solution that enables each and every customer to enjoy world-class, state of the art synthetic turf sports facilities that can immediately become a new income stream through external lettings to local sports teams and groups, quickly becoming a valued community asset.

Originally developed to offer funding solutions for customers with existing sports pitches in need of refurbishment, Fast Track Funding has now evolved to a complete solution for any customer looking to deliver any type of sport, play or cricket facility, large or small. Indeed, since its implementation in 2012, Fast Track Funding has helped to provide a viable solution for over 45 customers, including independent schools, for their new or resurfaced sport, play and multi-use facilities.

Developing a robust and sustainable long term business and financial plan is achievable because the majority of sports facilities are able to generate significant revenue through partnerships with local sports teams and community groups, strengthening bonds in those key sectors for many customers. This income can be used to contribute, or very often cover, the cost of the project meaning that the facility in effect pays for itself during the funding period which is any period up to a maximum of 7 years.

As always, Notts Sport works closely with each individual customer to design, develop and deliver a facility that is bespoke for your needs, requirements and vision. Whether it's a brand new project or a refurbishment of an existing pitch, a new sport, play or cricket facility can be installed in as little as 10 weeks and Notts Sport will provide advice and support for every customer to help maximise use and lettings to support the business case developed for the new scheme so it can immediately start to pay for itself, taking the burden off your existing budgets and finances.



# FAST TRACK FUNDING: THE HISTORY

2010	Notts Sport develop the concept of offering a non-traditional funding route
2011	<b>Fast Track Funding</b> launches to UK schools and academies
2012	Notts Sport begin working with finance specialists
2013	The Secretary of State provides consent for Fast Track Funding as an operating lease Whitefield School becomes the first ever Fast Track Funding project
2014	Three more schools use Fast Track Funding for their project
2015	By October £8.5m projects have been funded with more in the pipeline
2016	First independent school uses the Fast Track Funding service
2017	Up to 30 funded projects completed
2018	Notts Sport broke the £10 million funded mark
2019	Biggest funded project is completed at The Hertfordshire & Essex High School (£775k) Record number of projects in calendar year (9)
2020	Notts Sport began working with Atlas Academy Trust on two new full size 3G projects at both St Alban's Girl School and Adeyfield School

On every Fast Track Funding scheme, Notts Sport works in partnership with an established asset finance and leasing advisor to the public and corporate sector, who are able to facilitate funding.

The funding can be used to cover the entire project cost, or in combination with existing loans or budgets.

Fast Track Funding can be arranged through a flexible operating lease format which has been approved by independent auditors and the Education Funding Agency as a true operating lease; meaning that Notts Sport work at risk to ensure construction runs with a minimal financial strain to the school.

Notts Sport provide a fixed rate operating lease agreement for the entire funding period, instead of financing or loans. The customer can repay the amount over up to 7 years, with the option to own the facility at the end of the funding period.

Fast Track Funding is also available for both independent, private and commercial sectors, subject to approval. In 2017 Notts Sport completed the first independent school Fast Track Funding package for a new build hockey pitch.

Notts Sport offer customers a unique Design and Advice service on all multi-sport and synthetic pitch projects. This service is at no additional cost to our traditional business premise and income route of supplying specialist synthetic components, allowing customers the full benefit of a bespoke facility designed from scratch, with expert industry advice and guidance provided as standard throughout the process, with no upfront fee.



**FAST TRACK FUNDING THE FUTURE OF SPORT**





# RADNOR HOUSE SEVENOAKS

Address	Combe Bank Dr, Sundridge, Sevenoaks TN14 6AE
Facility size	101.40m x 64.00m Hockey
Pitch system	Domo Hockey Xtreme MDC Ultra
Value	£721,000

Radnor House Sevenoaks School wished to improve their hockey facilities to aid the development of the hockey teams. Having a strong hockey background within the sports department they were very much behind the schools plan of investing in a brand new national level pitch.

Having seen previous projects completed at other schools, Neil Moulding, the Finance and Operations Director at Radnor House Sevenoaks, chose Notts Sport to deliver the new build hockey facility.

Neil said “Prior to commencing the sports development programme, we were aware of Notts Sports market reputation as leading players in delivering high class facilities. We worked closely alongside Duncan and his team, who were extremely professional in leading us through the process, appointing contractors and project managing through to a highly successful delivery, on time and on budget. This is even more impressive considering the Covid-compliant regime that everyone had to operate within.

“We now have a state of the art, full size, floodlit, hockey pitch which will take provision of sport at the school to the next level.”

Although the pandemic threatened to disrupt the installation times, Notts Sport and the chosen contractors stayed on schedule and delivered the pitch within the schools required time-frame and budget.

The new hockey facility at Radnor House Sevenoaks, which is compliant to FIH national requirements using state of the art sand dressed hockey turf, benefits not only the schools hockey players but also the local teams which use the pitch during the evenings for training and at the weekends for competitive games.





**“NOTTS SPORT WERE EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL IN LEADING US THROUGH THE PROCESS, APPOINTING CONTRACTORS AND PROJECT MANAGING THROUGH TO A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DELIVERY, ON TIME AND ON BUDGET.”**

Neil Moulding, Finance and Operations Director







# JUBILEE GARDENS

Address	Belvedere Rd, Bishop's, London SE1 7PG
Pitch system	NottsSward 1150 and ChildsPlay EPP

Notts Sport was approached in 2019 by the London Borough of Lambeth to provide a safety surfacing system that would withstand a heavy footfall for the play area within the Jubilee Gardens, which was originally designed to commemorate the Queens Silver Jubilee.

Based on the South Bank with the iconic London Eye as its backdrop, and the Palace of Westminster just a stones throw away, the playground within the Jubilee Gardens is a fabulous area for children to enjoy with trim trails, swings and slides.

Repairing the original base where required, the approved contractors were able to quickly install an overlay with the Notts Sport ChildsPlay impact absorbing system. Providing a safe and aesthetically pleasing finish to this iconic playground, giving tourists and local families time out from a busy area of London.

Libby, a tourist from Northern California said “One of the best, most interesting playgrounds I’ve seen. All the kids there seemed to be having a great time, and it was a life-saver for us needing to have a break from sight seeing and allow the children to run off steam.”

The surface and underlying elements of the popular ChildsPlay system combine to offer a playground that is clean and quick-draining after rain, and resistant to cutting, fire and graffiti. ChildsPlay can include varying levels of shock absorbent layering beneath the VHAF NottsSward artificial turf, offering critical fall height protection of up to three metres.

The synthetic VHAF NottsSward turf carpet is available in 15 colours, offering unlimited potential for patterns and games, and can be laid over shapes, mounds and hollows. Whatever colour or form it takes, the textured, tactile carpet also has great sensory appeal.





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# BRUNEL UNIVERSITY

Address	100 Kingston Ln, Uxbridge UB8 3PW
Facility size	101.40m x 63.00m 3G Football and Rugby
	101.40m x 63.00m Hockey
Pitch system	Lano Integration Xperience
Value	£251,000

Notts Sport was appointed in 2019 to resurface the full size sand dressed hockey pitch along with a 3G football and rugby facility at Brunel University Sports Park, London following recommendations from previous customers and national governing bodies.

Following the tender process for both projects, the decision was taken to start work on the resurfacing of the hockey pitch initially with a plan to begin construction on the 3G during the following spring. The resurfacing of the hockey pitch, which is now a FIH National Approved facility and is used by the university hockey teams but also hired by the community and local hockey clubs, was completed by September 2019.

Before work could begin on the 3G project the university required a civil engineer to review the original footprint as there was subsidence due to drainage problems, Notts Sport informed the university of the works required to salvage and repair the original base construction. In October 2020 the 3G facility was complete with a FIFA Quality and World Rugby certified 3G synthetic grass.

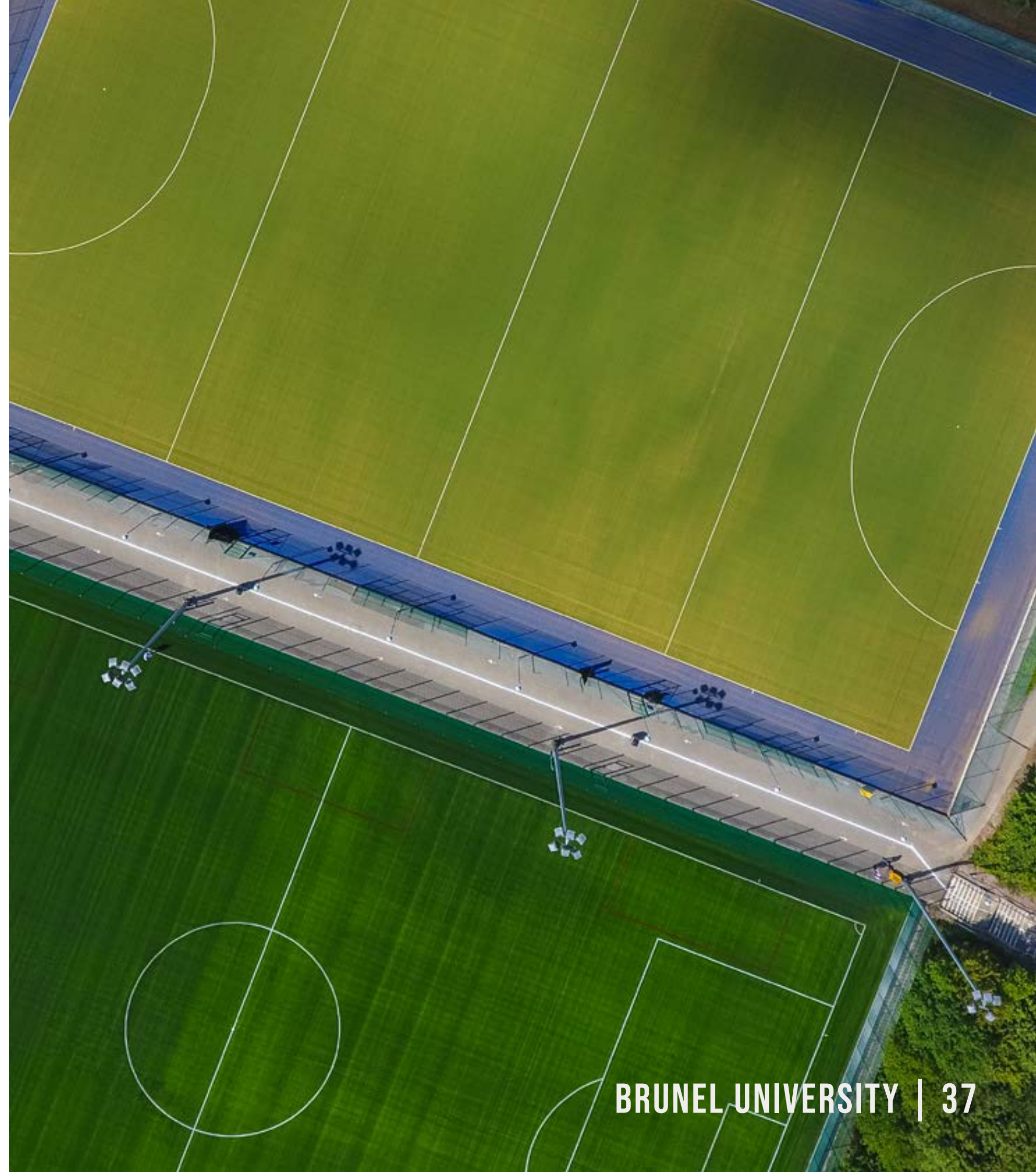
Upon completion of the project Mark Burgess, the Head of Sport at Brunel University, said “We wanted to work with a company who could deliver us a top-quality surface and so finding a partner who could identify that was really important.

“Working with Notts Sport made the process much easier for us, from a tendering perspective right through to managing the project whilst the works were ongoing. The feedback from the university teams on the playing quality has been fantastic, they are in seventh heaven!”



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Mark Burgess, Head of Sport







# LUTTERWORTH COLLEGE

Address	Bitteswell Rd, Lutterworth LE17 4EW
Facility size	97.40m x 61.00m Hockey
Pitch system	Domo Hockey Xtreme MDC/IS15
Value	£251,000

The original Lutterworth College sand filled artificial turf pitch, which was designed and supplied by Notts Sport back in 2005, was becoming worn in areas of high footfall and following a pitch inspection by Notts Sport the college decided to replace the ageing surface along with the performance shockpad.

During the 8 week installation, which took place over the summer holidays to ensure there was no disruption to the school, the original carpet and shockpad were removed, the macadam cleaned and a new 15mm insitu shockpad and sand dressed carpet were installed.

Laura Kendrick, the School Business Leader at Lutterworth College said “Notts Sport made the process so easy, taking away the stress and giving us the confidence that we would get what we were looking for. A huge success all-round!”

New floodlighting and net dividers were also installed to make full use of the facility during the evenings, which is now available to hire for clubs in the community, helping towards the cost of the now FIH National Certified pitch along with funding towards other areas of the college.

The project also involved the clearing of an area overgrown with weeds and brambles making the site more maintainable, future-proofing the investment and creating a space in which a new mini spectator stand will be installed during 2021.

The pitch was opened in October 2020 by local Great Britain & England Hockey player Sam Ward who was enthused to see the pupils benefiting from a new artificial turf pitch, which he believed will help develop the sport in the local area. Sam said “It was amazing to go back to the Midlands to open the pitch at Lutterworth College. It is a fantastic school, and a high class facility like this can really bring the community together, getting more people active. The playing surface is incredible, and hopefully will be used to create some stars of the future.”





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Laura Kendrick, School Business Leader







# QUEEN MARY’S SCHOOL

Address	Baldersby Park, Topcliffe, Thirsk YO7 3BZ
Facility size	101.40m x 63.00m Gen2 Hockey, Tennis and Netball
Pitch system	Condor Hockey Plus Ultra and Trocellen ProGame
Value	£760,200

Notts Sport began working with Queen Mary’s School, in Thirsk, back in 2018 to design a full-sized pitch and associated works including a car park and trailer turning area for horse boxes. There was also a modular pavilion installed which Notts Sport oversaw as part of the main build.

Due to the school being a listed building and built within an area of importance, Notts Sport worked closely with a specialist architect firm to obtain planning permission via the English Heritage.

The pitch is designed to Gen2, allowing a multitude of sports to be played. The system used in the make-up of the pitch has been tested to support the use of hockey, tennis and netball to all relevant levels, national level for hockey, and county and community level for netball and tennis.

Carole Cameron, the Head of Queen Mary’s School, is delighted with the completed facility “Queen Mary’s sporting achievements are highly regarded in the region. The new floodlit, all-weather synthetic pitch will allow our pupils to access these top-class facilities and practice for longer. These fantastic opportunities will also benefit the local community and beyond with flexible hire available throughout the year.”

The works were all completed in December 2019 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic an official opening had to be delayed. However, in September 2020 former Great Britain and England Hockey player, and Olympic gold medallist, Samantha Quek MBE officially opened the new facility.

Sam said “What wonderful facilities. I am so impressed with the new pitch and sports pavilion at Queen Mary’s School. It has been a joy to coach on, surrounded by countryside, and the pavilion is a fantastic building.”



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Carole Cameron, Head of Queen Mary's School





# WEST MONMOUTH SCHOOL

Address	Blaendare Road, Pontypool NP4 5YG
Facility size	94.20m x 62.50m 3G FIFA Compliant Football and Rugby
Pitch system	Lano MasterMax 60 with Trocellen XC 7012 ShockPad
Value	£395,000

Notts Sport was appointed in October 2019 to transform the existing synthetic sports pitch at West Monmouth Comprehensive School, in South Wales, into a state of the art 3G facility suitable for football and rugby, and to be FIFA and World Rugby compliant.

The original pitch was designed by Notts Sport over 25 years ago, with the heavy usage from the school and local community an upgrade was severely required. The school approached the local council for assistance with funding, which was provided on the basis that the pitch was available for the local community outside of the school hours.

The sub-base design in the existing facility incorporated a Sand Envelope System, which remained in a reasonable state and therefore could be recycled within the new pitch construction. Notts Sport then liaised with World Rugby regarding a slight slope on the pitch, who confirmed that they were happy for the existing base to be retained and that the current levels and gradients would still meet the requirements for World Rugby compliance.

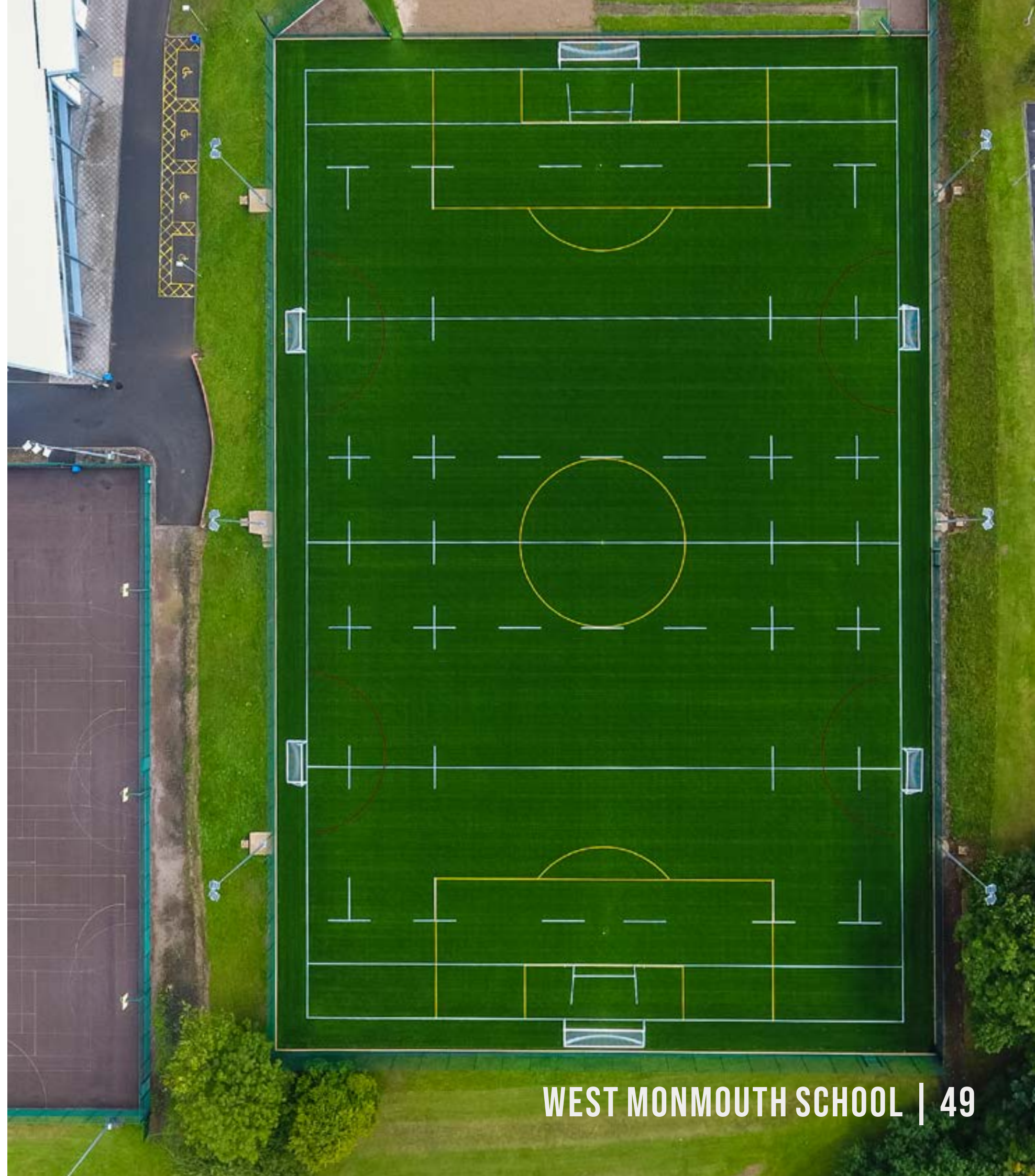
The upgraded facility also included the replacement of new fencing and gates along with cutting edge floodlighting.

The PE department at West Monmouth School commented “It truly is an unbelievable facility not only for the school but for the Pontypool community. Notts Sport have done a fantastic job!”



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West Monmouth School PE Department







# ESSA ACADEMY

Address	Lever Edge Ln, Bolton BL3 3HH
Facility size	101.40m x 63.00m 3G Football
Pitch system	3G Domo Duraforce XSL
Value	£224,000

The original synthetic pitch at Essa Academy in Bolton, Greater Manchester was originally built in 2009 as a multi sports facility which was predominantly used for hockey, however the school trust were looking to update the surfacing to a 3G football system to allow for a wider usage within the school and also the local community.

Having met with the Notts Sport team, and after learning that they could utilise the proven Notts Sport Fast Track Funding service to help fund the initiative, the trust decided to begin works on the resurfacing of the facility.

Notts Sport completed a series of indicative testing on the shockpad once the old turf was lifted to ascertain whether it would be compliant for rugby and football for the new grass. The shockpad was in excellent condition and was able to be retained, lowering the costs to the school.

The academies Business Manager, Rachel Rowland, said “Essa Academy were introduced to Notts Sport and from the initial meeting we were able to establish a great relationship, they listened to our needs and planned for various options we requested and finally delivered what we wanted in a spectacular way.

“Throughout the process Notts Sport were in constant contact with regular updates, and always responded to questions in a very timely manner. From the initial meeting at Essa Academy to completion, this only took 5 months in total which was outstanding!

“We were in need of a new 3G football pitch as our current pitch was in bad shape and fearing we had nowhere for students to learn and develop their skills. Our new 3G football pitch was an incredible improvement and students now have the best facility in the area which will enhance the teaching and learning at Essa Academy.

“We also have a strong relationship with clubs throughout our local community who come to use the facility in the evening and weekend. Since installing the new 3G we have a waiting list for teams wanting to use the fantastic new pitch.”



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Rachel Rowland, Business Manager







# PARRENTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

Address	Heywood Rd, Prestwich, Whitefield, Manchester M25 2BW
Facility size	101.40m x 63.00m Hockey
Pitch system	Lano S-tec Integration Xperience
Value	£225,000

Notts Sport designed the original facility at Parrenthorn High School back in 2007 which, after heavy use, was urgently in need of a refurbishment. 13 years on from the original build Notts Sport worked with Andrew Morley, the School Business Manager, on the resurfacing project who said “We worked with Notts Sport from an early stage, which included the monitoring of the existing playing surface with the view of prolonging the life of an old pitch, through to design and specification of options to consider when the opportunity arrived to replace the carpet.

“Having a long-standing relationship offers a wide range of benefits including access to knowledgeable, professional staff, who not only understand the market, but who are also interested in how the customer uses the pitch and recognises that limited access to funding means that the playing surfaces may be required to operate long past their normal life cycles.”

The original pitch system incorporated a macadam base with a VHAF Rubber Crumb shockpad and to ensure performance compliance was possible with modern sand dressed surfacing a design stage testing was completed. The test data was then used to design the system through the existing shockpad with a high quality FIH certified Sand Dressed Grass.

Retaining the shockpad system and specifying a strict practical methodology within the tender documentation to protect the unique layer at all stages meant the school saved around £50,000, demonstrating the value of understanding and a bespoke approach to design on each and every scheme Notts Sport provides.

Upon completion of the project Andrew said “Having used Notts Sport as consultants in the design, specification and tender stage, in addition to managing the live project, I am pleased to say that the project was completed ahead of schedule and under the budget. I would recommend Notts Sport to any organisation who are considering investing in a new facility to have a conversation with them at the earliest opportunity.”





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Andrew Morley, School Business Manager









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