

## **Gentian helps fund new sports equipment for The Westgate School (20 November 2024)**

Winchester-based property developer Gentian aims to positively impact the communities where it operates and as a commitment to this, they have donated £5,000 locally to The Westgate School to provide much-needed new sports equipment.

The Westgate School have used the funds towards four new sets of goal posts and footballs and four new basketball hoops and basketballs.

The school last bought new goal posts seven years ago and, as some of them had perished, the school was in real need of upgrading this equipment.



Charlie Damant, chair, Westgate Parent School Association said: “We are so incredibly grateful to Gentian for their amazing generosity. The goal posts and basketball hoops and boards that their money has now provided in both the upper and lower school, has transformed our break and lunchtimes. Pupils now are playing football or basketball at these times and being active and brilliant. Because of Gentian's generosity we have also been able to stock up on footballs and basketballs. It is just brilliant. We would like to thank Gentian so much for their generous sponsorship. We are very lucky.”

Aiden Murray, Gentian’s Planning Director said: “We’re only too pleased to have been able to help The Westgate School with this donation and are delighted that they’ve used it to buy new sports equipment which will benefit the pupils for many years to come.”

Gentian has an ongoing commitment to supporting local charities and community groups. It has supported Winchester Rugby Football Club for the past nine years and Yellow Door, a charity that supports victims of domestic and sexual abuse, since the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2022 it announced three more Winchester-based charity partners, namely The Winchester Beacon, Winchester & District Young Carers and Move Momentum.