

CLIENT:

WAKEFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

SOLUTION:

TARAFLEX® PERFORMANCE

LOCATION:

WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE

Wakefield Grammar School Foundation delighted with new Taraflex® Performance from Gerflor.

When two top-performing Wakefield schools needed to source high quality flooring for their sports halls they turned to international flooring specialist Gerflor to supply 1300m² of their world class Taraflex® Performance vinyl sports flooring, together with 1350m² of IsolSport isolating membrane to complete the refurbishment project.

Queen Elizabeth Grammar School for boys (QEGS) and Wakefield Girl's School are both something of academic legends. At QEGS, "sport for all" is a principle they live and breathe every day. Countless opportunities for sport exist both within and outside the curriculum and within QED for all ages, interests and abilities, forming an integral part of school life.

Wayne Andrews, Gerflor Sports Manager North UK said, "I made contact with their Estates department the previous year and they initially required some repairs to the existing granwood floor, so I put them in touch with a local contractor and this issue was temporarily resolved. During this time, we built up a good working relationship and kept in touch.

"The following year, it became apparent that a refurbishment was required and a new Olympic pedigree indoor sports surface would enhance the facility even further."

Kent Oliver Estates Manager at Queen Elizabeth Grammar said, "We had an urgent need to refurbish our Boys' and Girls' tired granwood main sports hall flooring. We engaged with a number of Gerflor's previous clients, who could not speak highly enough of the quality products installed and the fantastic levels of service provided by the Specification and Technical teams."

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say, "We were in search of a surface that was ideal for a variety of sports. Offering a good level of shock absorption, minimising the force of impact on the body, and reducing long term injury risk. We are delighted with the final results. The surfaces are better performing than the granwood and offer a lot more protection than the previous flooring. Both floors installed are of the highest quality with a superior finish to them."

On specification, Wayne Andrews also commented, "We proposed an Isolsport overlay with Taraflex® Performance onto the existing granwood floor, this provided a robust solution avoiding high labour costs that would be incurred from the uplifting of the existing granwood floor and also any sub floor preparation costs. The boys and girls sports halls are used by professional players for a wide variety of sports."

The fitting of the new Gerflor sports floor would be undertaken by one of the country's leading installers of sports floors. Stockport-based

Recreational Coatings Limited has over 30 years' experience of installing sports surfaces in various prestigious events some of which include the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, World and European events throughout the UK and beyond.

Jed Hill, its Managing Director said, "with a strong reputation to uphold, the school entrusted our team here at Recreational Coatings Limited to overlay the existing granwood floor with a new, high-performance, cushioned surface."

Jed Hill added, "The school had taken the time to find out more about other local Taraflex® installations in other education establishments. Gerflor's Taraflex® Performance vinyl sports flooring ticked all the boxes for its sport and multi-use requirements. Taraflex® Performance vinyl sports flooring can be specified for a wide range of sporting applications and leisure activities. It has excellent safety, comfort and performance qualities, as well as being available in vibrant colours

and realistic wood designs, thus it's an ideal solution for a vast array of areas."

Wayne Andrews concluded by saying, "The client is extremely pleased with the final installation. A number of Gerflor people were involved, right from the Specification Team through to high level management who all agreed how important and unique this project was. Kent Oliver, the Estates Manager at the school was very impressed with the service received from Gerflor. In addition to this the impact protection and playability of Taraflex® was a big talking point for him."

Kent Oliver ended by saying, "We would definitely specify Gerflor again. The performance and appearance has surpassed our expectations and we have received nothing but positive feedback from the schools, and other sports hall users. I would also like to add that Wayne Andrews from Gerflor was very knowledgeable and professional during our initial meetings and throughout the entire project."

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