

CLIENT:

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

SOLUTION:

TARAFLEX® PERFORMANCE & TARASAFE ULTRA AND ULTRA H₂O

LOCATION:

BRISTOL

Collegiate School, 'Bowled Over' with new Taraflex® sports hall refurbishment.

When Collegiate School in Bristol wanted to refurbish their main sports hall, together with revamping the stairs, showers and changing rooms they would specify a mix of high-quality flooring from international flooring specialist Gerflor. The specification would include Gerflor's Olympic pedigree Taraflex® Performance vinyl sports flooring and their world-class Tarasafe Ultra and Tarasafe Ultra H₂O safety flooring.

Collegiate has an impressive sporting legacy, unsurprising given their outstanding on-site sports facilities that are truly unique to Bristol.

Their strong sporting tradition is at the heart of everyday school life, encouraging everyone regardless of age and sporting ability to get more involved in physical education. It is a strongly held belief that exercise, and playing sports is important to maintain a healthy mind and it also allows each pupil to develop self-esteem and a strong team spirit.

Their main sports hall has a multi-purpose goal and can be set up to provide badminton courts, cricket nets, a netball court, volleyball courts, a basketball court or five a side football pitch. In addition to this, the entire hall can be used for martial arts, dance classes or other similar classes. Choosing the highest quality indoor sports replacement floor would be paramount to the ongoing success of their main sports hall facility.

The changing rooms and showering areas in many educational locations can often be wet and slippery environments and this is where the Tarasafe Ultra and Tarasafe Ultra H₂O safety collections were the ideal solutions for Collegiate School. The Tarasafe products would also provide the perfect choice for the school's stairs offering pupils, staff and visitors the required safety and comfort needed at the education establishment.



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Commenting on the instigation of the project Simon Crossman, Director of Facilities, Collegiate said, "The sports hall was nearly forty years old and the cost to build a new hall was too expensive, therefore a full refurbishment was chosen."

Simon Crossman went on to add, "Originally the refurb was to concentrate on the lights, ventilation and heating and hot water and replace the floor."

"On M&E refurb projects, it can be hard to see where the money has been spent, consequently the floor was to be a key visual sign for the parents that we had refurbished the hall."

On specification Simon Crossman went on to further comment, "We wanted a bright multi-sport surface and a surface which could cope with ad-hoc school activities such as assemblies, prizegivings and summer/leavers balls. Therefore, the floor had to be resilient,

take the point loading of a high heel or a chair and not dent or deform in any way which could affect the playing surface. Another requirement was to have an indoor cricket area which didn't involve laying additional mats. The Taraflex® indoor sports solution delivers this specification in spades."

Chris Pursey, Gerflor Area Sales Manager, Southwest & Channel Islands commented, "The collection of Gerflor ranges used on this project were specified by Quattro Design Architects, who chose Taraflex® in colour Lagoon for the main playing area with a run-off border in Gold which looks very striking. The specifier only wanted the best-in-class solution for the facility, and it needed to meet the various requirements for the end user".

Commenting on the performance of the new flooring Simon Crossman also added, "The floor has now been down for over a year and is the significant

wow factor in this critical refurbishment. The parents and visitors all comment on how remarkable it looks. We have also had great support in understanding how to remove cricket ball marks from the floor. Chris Pursey, from Gerflor, has been really helpful in providing technical support and sourcing the correct cleaning products to help maintain the high-quality appearance of the floor."

On final outcomes Chris Pursey added, "The client is incredibly happy with the final finish and performance of their new Taraflex® sports floor, particularly as the hall is used regularly for indoor cricket. It's been a rewarding project to be involved in, as we were able to supply the total flooring solutions they were seeking."

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