

CLIENT:

COLEG Y CYMOEDD, NANTGARW CAMPUS

SOLUTION:TARAFLEX PERFORMANCE, GRADUS STRATUS, POWERSHOCK 300,
TARASAFE ULTRA, BOULEVARD 6000**LOCATION:**

WALES

Sensational success for Gerflor providing Welsh college with a complete flooring solution.

The Nantgarw student Campus is part of Coleg y Cymoedd (College of the Valleys) in Wales. When the Nantgarw campus required a fast refurbishment of their Library, they turned to international flooring specialist Gerflor to supply Gradus Carpets for the much-used library.

This successful renovation then resulted in the specification of a vast selection of other Gerflor products for other areas of the campus. Some of which included their Olympic pedigree Taraflex sports flooring for the main sports hall, Tarasafe Safety Vinyl Flooring for changing rooms and corridors, Powershock Tiles for the gym and Gradus Barrier Matting for the reception and entrance areas.

The Nantgarw student Campus project provided Gerflor with the perfect platform to showcase a raft of other high-quality flooring solutions ideal for the demands of the modern-day education environment. The project would amount to an immense 5300m² of Gerflor products being specified for not only the library, but also the communal areas, changing rooms and their sports hall.

Jonathan Jones, Associate at Austin-Smith: Lord commented, "We have a long-standing and successful relationship with the College, having previously designed a new campus for them in Aberdare and also helped them to re-purpose and improve much of their existing campus in Ystrad Mynach. The College were keen to explore what was possible on a prominent parcel of land to the south of the existing Nantgarw campus, with a view to creating a high quality, flagship sports facility, and engaged us and Mott MacDonald Project Management to complete a feasibility study. The study was greatly assisted by our UK-wide experience in the Further Education and Sports sectors, not least the recently completed Forge project for Coleg Sir Gar."



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On specification Jonathan Jones said, "We originally specified Gerflor for the sports hall flooring, given their proven quality and range of products to suit a variety of requirements when it comes to sports vinyl, and we have delivered several other successful projects, where we have specified Gerflor's Taraflex indoor sports surface."

The installation of such prestigious and large flooring project would be the responsibility of Carpet Services Flooring, Cardiff. The company is a leader in contract commercial flooring and domestic flooring, and it is a family run business, which prides itself on its delivering exceptionally high standards of service, quality products and affordable prices.

For the Sports Centre of Excellence (which is a new build), Carpet Services installed 720m² of Taraflex Performance in 'Black', 90m² of Powershock 300 Gym Tile and 400m² of Tarasafe Ultra 'Opal' in corridors and changing rooms. The installation would also supply flooring for the main college building refurbishment which would include Gradus Stratus 'Jetstream' on multiple floors and corridors, together with classrooms,

library, and office with pockets of Gradus Streetwise Design in 'Green,' 'Orange' and 'Blue' along with Gradus Emphasis Loop in the same Green, Orange and Blue on separate floors. To date the project has used approximately 4000m² of Gradus Stratus and 300m² of Gradus Streetwise Design. Other areas of the college that would benefit from Gerflor and Gradus products would be the wood-working area where 100m² of Gerflor's Tarasafe Ultra safety flooring in 'Granite' would be used, together with 100m² of Gradus Boulevard Stripe matting in 'Raven' and 100m² of Boulevard 6000 in 'Nightfall'.

Tony Thorne concluded by saying, "This project is so prestigious that we have entered it into the 'Refurbishment of the Year' award at Education Estates Magazine. Very simply, this award recognises either a school, college or university refurbishment project that has made a difference to the educational or research experience. In our opinion the Nantgarw student Campus project delivers on all the criteria that the judges will be looking for which includes the overall quality of design and manufacturing, which is extremely high, as is the client

engagement and their satisfaction with the service and solution they received." In conclusion Ray Gallivan, Contract Manager at Carpet Services said, "The Gerflor flooring products that were specified for this iconic project are really meeting the high standards required for the end user. We would continue to use Gerflor on a weekly basis. The final result at the college is extremely impressive."

On client expectations, Jonathan Jones ended by saying, "The Gerflor flooring products specified are absolutely meeting the high specifications set for the education project and client's brief. The main circulation spaces were actually a last-minute alteration to the Gerflor products, and so to achieve the performance and appearance requirements with their alternatives in such a short space of time was absolutely vital to us. Again, the monochromatic palette is accentuated by the subtle concrete effect, providing a high-quality finish to all vinyl spaces. We would definitely specify Gerflor again. The sports hall especially looks fantastic with the diffused light and silhouettes reflected off the black vinyl, so we are incredibly delighted with the final finish."

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