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BANGOR UNIVERSITY
TARAFLEX® COMFORT & TARAFLEX® EVOLUTION
BANGOR, NORTH WALES

Bangor University specify Gerflor's Taraflex® for two of their main sports halls.

At Bangor University in North Wales, they are proud of their sports facilities and said, 'you'll be spoilt for choice with all the opportunities we have to offer.' So, when the university had a necessity to replace the flooring in two of their main sports halls, they naturally turned to international flooring specialist Gerflor to supply over 1300m² of their world class Olympic standard Taraflex® sports flooring in 'London Light Blue' and 'Maple' to complete the flooring aspect of the refurbishment project.

Bangor is no ordinary university. It's a place to think, a place to explore and a place to achieve. It is critically acclaimed, being voted the number one University in Wales, in the top five UK Universities of the Year, and 15th in the world for sustainability. At Bangor University, students find excellent teaching, a welcoming community and one of the best overall student experiences in the UK. The University is also surrounded by nature, but it's well connected to major towns and cities.

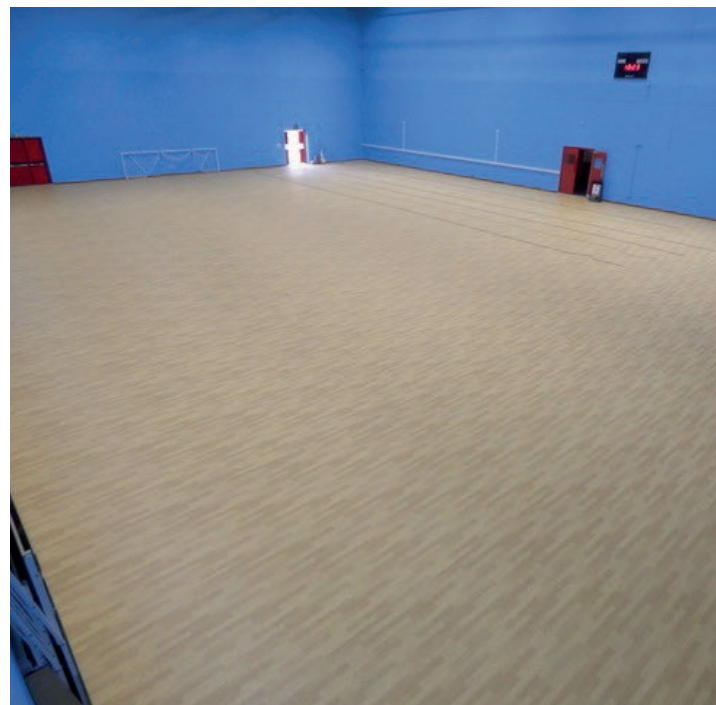
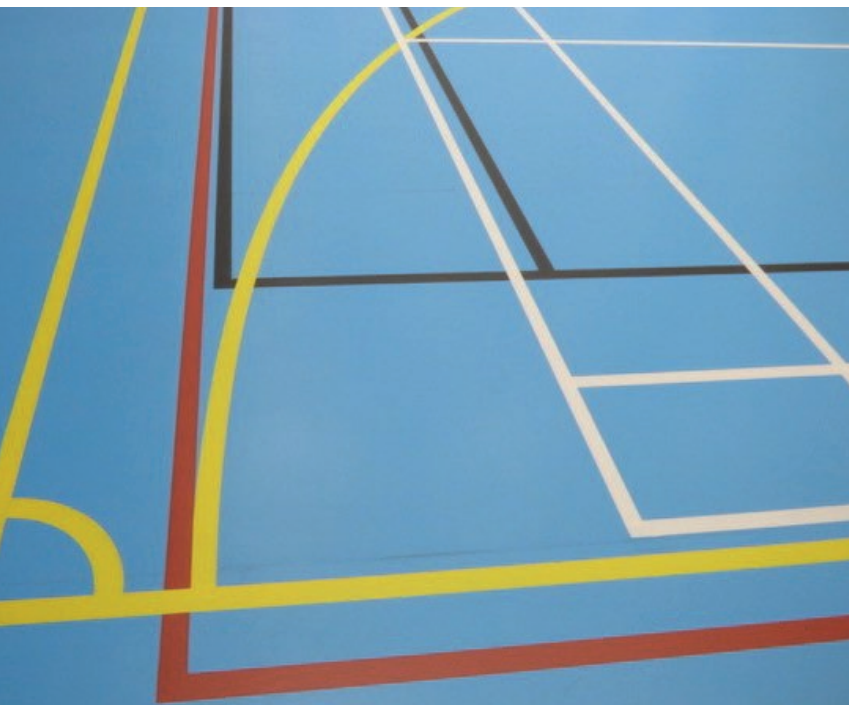
Students at Bangor University can get involved with a huge variety of sports, some of which include badminton, indoor football, basketball and also tennis. The on-campus facilities include the Canolfan Brailsford Sport and Leisure Centre which is located at the heart of the main student accommodation site at Ffriddoedd. The inside facilities boast two main sports halls, three well-equipped gyms, a gymnastics hall, and a multi-route climbing wall. Good news for fitness fanatics and those who wish to exercise or play team sports.

The replacement indoor flooring surfaces would include both Taraflex® Comfort and Taraflex® Evolution from Gerflor, they would prove to be a perfect fit for both halls. Prior to the new Gerflor installation, the two sports halls at the university were used as Covid



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Field Hospitals during the pandemic and were called Ysbyty Enfys Bangor which is Welsh for 'Rainbow Hospital Bangor.'

Commenting on the project Sam Wallwork, Head of Sport, Bangor University said, "Canolfan Brailsford was turned into a temporary hospital over pandemic period resulting in us requiring two new floors to re-instate our sporting facilities." On specification, Sam Wallwork added, "We have previously used Gerflor before and have always been really impressed by their high-quality products and high levels of customer service." The sales, specification, and technical advice on the proposed Gerflor sporting products for the project would be the ultimate responsibility of David Hebblethwaite and Lewis Leadett... two of Gerflor's most seasoned and experienced managers.

David Hebblethwaite, Specification Manager (North), Gerflor commented, "The refurbishment project at Bangor University was a re instatement of an existing sports facility. Specifying both the Taraflex® Comfort and Taraflex® Evolution surfaces for the desired locations, delivered the optimum choice for the client in terms of comfort, performance, and safety."

The improved Taraflex® Evolution product, of which approx. 625m² has been installed in the Hall 1 facility at the university, is safer, better performing and offers even more protection than the previous flooring that had to be replaced. The greater protection has been obtained thanks to a total reengineering of the CXP-HD™ foam technology that provides cushioning for exercise and sports play. Gerflor's Taraflex® Evolution continues to be the market benchmark in sports floors with outstanding durability, improved comfort and protection offering a P1 category shock absorbency (25% to 35% -compliance with 14904) and a 7.5mm thickness.

Similarly, Sports Hall 2 at Bangor University now benefits from 675m² of Gerflor's Taraflex® Comfort sports flooring. Taraflex® Comfort is the first Taraflex® sports floor in the P3 category (it complies with EN Standard 14904) delivering ≥45% of shock absorption and is ideal for a variety of sport and leisure activities. Offering the highest level of shock absorption, minimising the force of impact on the body, and reducing long term injury risk, Taraflex® Comfort is also available in 20 colours and three wood-effect designs as standard.

Taraflex® Comfort was the first sports floor in the P3 category delivering high levels of technology and innovation knowledge to bring optimal comfort and safety and is suited to all levels and all sports for all users regardless of their age and sporting ability.

Sam Wallwork, Head of Sport, Bangor University, also said, "Our new Taraflex® sports flooring is exceeding our expectations. It's an outstanding and very robust sports flooring, which is delivering fantastic results for our customers and users. The two Taraflex® floors installed are of the highest quality with a great finish on them. They also both clean exceptionally well and are perfect for a number of sports."

Sam Wallwork concluded by simply saying, "We would definitely choose Gerflor again when given the opportunity."

Gerflor is a proud supplier to some of the most prestigious universities across the UK. Gerflor has many site references where Taraflex® sports flooring has been installed in sports halls and gym facilities, some of these universities include Loughborough, St Andrews and University of Huddersfield.

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