



St James' Catholic High School

Altro Orchestra and Altro Fortis provide 'wow' factor for busy school

Altro Orchestra™, Altro Fortis™

St James' Catholic High School was founded in 1934 by the Dominican Sisters to provide Catholic secondary school education for the children of parishes in Northwest London. Today it is a sixth-form entry, co-educational secondary school for children aged 11-18. The school needed a solution for the corridor that would be durable and easy to clean.

Sean McGovern, School Business Manager at St James' Catholic High School explains: "The floor we had previously was lino tiles that had been in place, we believe, since the school was built in the 1970s. The tiles had seen better days and the floor was becoming increasingly difficult to keep clean."

"We chose Altro Orchestra for its aesthetic appeal, and it would be relatively easy to clean and maintain. As a school, we need to find the right balance of durability whilst providing a pleasant and impressive environment for students, staff and visitors. Altro Orchestra, we feel, achieves that balance."

Two designs of Altro Orchestra were used to create visual interest in the corridor. Altro Orchestra in 'Urban' was used for the floor, with a border of Altro Orchestra in 'Bassoon.'

"In the design process, we explored a two-tone flooring with a border of a contrasting colour and ultimately plumped for that design. This has given a really high-end look to the floor. The installation process went smoothly and was completed on time. It certainly had the wow factor when staff and students returned from the school holidays.

For areas where comfort and sound reduction are important, Altro Orchestra has been engineered to create the ideal environment to learn and live. It offers comfort underfoot making life easier on the feet of students and patients but particularly hard-working staff who spend countless hours on the move.

With a palette of 40 colours and designs varying from calming neutrals reflecting tones of nature, to vibrant shades, Altro Orchestra allows you to create the right atmosphere every time.



At the school, Altro Orchestra has been combined with Altro Fortis Titanium wall protection. Altro Fortis Titanium has been specifically designed to provide protection from the bags, feet, equipment and trolleys that take their toll on walls in busy public areas. It features a lightly textured surface, which camouflages scuffs, keeping the wall area looking better for longer.

“In addition to the floor, we also updated the walls with Altro Fortis. This product was also installed very efficiently and neatly and has provided an incredibly durable surface that really prevents marking from students where they line up along the corridor. Previously the painted walls would easily mark or be scratched by bags and equipment. There are various colour options available and we were able to select a colour that matched well with the floor and walls.”

“I would not hesitate to recommend both products,” Sean concludes.

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