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SOLUTION:  
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BRYNTEG SCHOOL  
TARAFLEX® PERFORMANCE & BATECO PROTECTION SYSTEM  
BRIDGEND, WALES

## Welsh wonder for Brynteg School with Gerflor's Taraflex® sports surfaces.

Brynteg School in Bridgend, Wales had an urgent need to refurbish their incredibly tired and dated linoleum floor in the main sports hall. The project would be a perfect 'fit' for international flooring specialist Gerflor who supplied their Olympic pedigree Taraflex® Performance sports flooring in 'Maple' with 'Lagoon' borders, together with their Taraflex® Bateco protection system. With Taraflex® Performance and Bateco being included in the original tender, the project was clearly aiming for high-quality and trusted sports surfaces to be installed throughout the 600m<sup>2</sup> element of the re-fit.

Brynteg School is one of the largest secondary schools in Wales, located in Bridgend the school is one of seven comprehensive schools in the County Borough of Bridgend. The school is for 11-18yrs pupils and is situated on a large site to the south of the town. The school was formed by the merger on September 1st, 1971, of Bridgend Boys Grammar School and Heol Gam Secondary School. Brynteg School and is underpinned by its core values of community, independence, kindness, and respect.

Although Brynteg School's main sports focus is on rugby union with some notable former pupils who achieved international stardom with JPR Williams and Gavin Henson filling up the ranks, the overall needs of other general sports activities in the school are never overlooked.

To meet this ethos, the upgrade to the main sports hall would require a sports surface that could meet the stringent demands of the facility and future proof the interior for generations to come. A raft of sporting activities is undertaken in the sports hall, including basketball, netball, cricket, badminton, table tennis and five-a-side football. The main sports hall at Brynteg School also provides sporting facilities for a host of



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wheelchair sports which makes Gerflor's Taraflex® the ideal choice when it comes to comfort, safety, and performance. Taraflex® sports floorings are recognised all over the world for all types of sports. cushioned floors, with high IPI values, are key features for sitting volleyball and other sitting sports.

Taraflex® multipurpose products are also suitable for rolling sports. Playing on a Taraflex® sports floor adds to the enjoyment of sport for all pupils. Commenting on the Brynteg School project Tony Thorne, Gerflor Specification Manager, South Wales said, "Adam Rosser who is Head of PE at Brynteg, was extremely concerned that their existing linoleum sports floor had become unsafe for its users. It was approximately twenty-six years old and despite many attempts to repair numerous times the damaged flooring in many areas could not be replaced.

"Gerflor were contacted by Adam towards the end of 2020 and were asked to visit the site and provide a feasibility survey assessing the needs of the facility and estimate a suitable replacement floor. This would ensure that Adam had all the required information to acquire

the funding for the new sports indoor surface." Thorne continued, "Adam approached Gerflor as he was already familiar with our flooring portfolio, as they already had large areas of Gerflor Tarasafe Ultra safety flooring installed throughout the school and our Mipolam flooring fitted in the science labs." Tony Thorne added, "When the funding was secured in the Spring of 2021 with Bridgend Council, a competitive tender process was followed and won by Puma Floors who did a first-class professional installation, along with Biddle Sports who managed the line marking."

Cardiff-based Puma Floors Ltd was established in 2001 and have already made a mark on the market, and with a hard-working and talented team of floor-layers, who are also highly qualified and experienced, Puma Floors can confidently manage the installation part of all contract projects in order to exceed the demands and expectations of their expanding client base.

The installer can provide specialist flooring installation services for clients in Wales and the rest of the UK. Matthew Graves, Commercial Director, Puma Floors Ltd, commented, "We initially

proposed a budget for the renovation works, then we submitted our formal tender online for this invaluable project. Gerflor had already been in discussions with the school and local authority to supply their high-performance Taraflex sports floor and their Taraflex Bateco movable protection solution. Working in collaboration with Gerflor, we were able to supply a complete solution fit for purpose for the project."

On day-to-day usage Tony Thorne also said, "The school also chose to specify our Taraflex® Bateco, this solution was deemed appropriate to protect their new floor when the hall is used for non-sporting activities such as to hold exams in the main sports hall. It should be noted that whilst the Taraflex Performance sports surface is hard wearing and able to cope with most non-sporting applications, the end user wanted the Bateco solution to keep the floor looking pristine."

As the main hall at Brynteg School would also have to facilitate other non-sports activities the school also opted for Taraflex® Bateco which is a moveable solution for protecting multi-sports floors falling on non-sporting activities.

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