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### **Colourful Floors Create Blueprint For Schools Of The Future**

Flowcrete floors have helped to create a showcase school, which utilizes the latest in innovative design to develop an inspirational learning environment.

Minster School's new centre is a blueprint for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, which sets out a plan for world-class centres of education.

London-based architects Penoyre and Prasad LLP have designed the £34 million project, located at Southwell in Nottinghamshire, and the development has been constructed by Galliford Try.

At the site, Flowcrete's range of products provided a complete solution underfoot, all from one supplier and fitted by one, approved, highly-trained contractor, Phoenix Specialist Flooring Contracts Ltd, based in Cannock, Staffordshire.

Project architect Rafael Marks, said: "The architects have realised the school's vision for an exciting and challenging educational environment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, through the use of ICT, a varied range of learning spaces and the use of natural and long lasting materials that will age gracefully over time.

"Finding the right flooring to provide high quality, low maintenance finishes was therefore critical in realising this vision."

The specification included Flowcrete's seamless terrazzo floor Mondéco Earth, which was used in the main entrance and central heartspace, to create a highly attractive yet durable finish for an area that is the first point of contact with the schooling environment for visitors, staff and pupils alike.

Able to take all the knocks and bumps encountered in educational buildings, Mondéco also scores well in the environmental stakes, due to its longevity - avoiding reinstatement costs, disposal costs of old flooring, and disruption associated with shorter life-cycle products.

In corridors and classrooms, specially created floors were colour-coded in three shades, to identify each storey of the building.

Flowcrete's Peran SL smoothing floor finish was applied throughout the corridors, to brighten up the areas with a strong splash of colour. Turquoise, sky blue and green were used for each floor level, and an orangey red was also used to identify other zones.



The quartz system Peran STB - co-ordinating with the individual colour schemes - was applied for classroom areas. This system was also used on 14 flights of stairs within the school, complete with noses and raisings.

Alan Dean, sales director of Flowcrete, said: "This installation project demonstrates how floors can help transform schools and inspire learning.

"They have created a bright, dynamic feel underfoot which works throughout the building, helping the school deliver a sense of identity, motivation and vision."

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