

## **South Trafford College**

**Architect:** Roger Stephenson Architects

Product: norament® 825

Quantity: Approx 1500m²

**Installation:** February 2011

As the first further education college to achieve 'outstanding' in all five categories of the Ofsted report; South Trafford College decided to bring a new lease of life into its teaching facilities with a new innovative building design in 2011.

nora rubber floorcoverings are a popular choice within educational facilities across the world for a variety of reasons. One being the extreme durability in high demanding areas such as halls, classrooms, canteens and corridors. The excellent footfall sound absorption means the noise levels within these areas create a sound insulation of up to 20db. Their durability gives the floorcovering a long life-span and its wear resistant properties highlight its popularity within schools and colleges.

nora floor coverings are also very economically and easy to clean. The dense characteristics of the rubber floor coverings result in the floor not requiring coatings. nora rubber floor coverings do not contain halogenated substances, plasticizers or organic flame retardants; all echoing the reason for its preference within educational environments.







Finally South Trafford College has received recognition from The RIBA Institute, with judges' comments praising the identity of the building expressed its new design. This included the decision to 'cut away' a section of the central corridors, resulting in a flood of natural light to every floor – "a simple move which creates a strong sense of drama and warmth" (RIBA). The unique effect of this design aspect is enhanced by the use of the black norament 825 studded rubber tiles that reflect the light beautifully and help create the warm and dramatic atmosphere achieved.

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