



Eton College Boarding Houses

Berkshire, UK

Award SGL,
Vepps SGL, SGL
Vanity Units &
Solid Surface
Washtroughs

The project.

Eton College is the largest boarding school in England and is one of only three to retain the boys-only tradition. To maintain the high standards expected of the College's Walpole and Warre boarding houses, annual refurbishments are carried out to give students access to high quality facilities. The communal washroom areas all required updating to make maintaining hygienic and clean areas easier for both staff and students.

The challenge.

The washroom renovations were due to be completed during the school's summer period however, the grounds remained open for tourists and staff. This meant the installation needed to be completed as quickly as possible to minimise disruption.

We worked closely with Eton College to specify safe, durable and easy to clean washroom systems for all communal toilet areas. The College appointed Berkshire-based Francis Construction to reconfigure the pre-existing washrooms and install a complete Venesta Washrooms package.

The solution.

Eton College specified Award cubicles for the student boarding houses, as they're simple to install and offer an easy to maintain yet hard wearing solution that can withstand the demands of heavy usage throughout the school year.

Fitted as standard, Award toilet cubicles feature emergency release indicator bolts that allow rapid and safe access to inside locked cubicles in the event of an emergency, without damaging cubicle doors or locks. The cubicles also feature anti-tamper fixings with concealed hinges and locks to deter any potential vandalism, keeping students safe.

Specified in Solid Grade Laminate (SGL), the cubicles can withstand the hustle and bustle of everyday school life thanks to the scratch, impact and water-resistant qualities of the core board. Award was specified in our cool and refreshing 'Hydrangea' laminate to brighten and modernise the areas.



To complement the cubicles, Vepps IPS panelling was specified. Vepps ensured all WCs, urinals and flush plates were fitted and rigorously tested at our manufacturing facility ahead of delivery and installation. This not only gave complete design control to the college so they could handpick their sanitaryware, but also helped to reduce onsite install times by 50% compared to plain panel alternatives.

A combination of durable, tried and tested SGL vanity units and Solid Surface washtroughs were specified for the Eton College boarding houses to ensure fit for purpose solutions were installed to meet the needs of the college and its students.

Stylish and durable Solid Surface washtroughs were specified to complement the cubicles and IPS. The space-saving design allowed more handwash stations to be installed compared to traditional basins, making them ideal for the College's smaller washrooms. The non-porous, stain and bacteria-resistant washtroughs have fewer joints which reduces potential areas for bacteria to harbor, making ongoing maintenance simple.

The College also opted for SGL vanity units for the larger boarding house washrooms. SGL vanity units are hard wearing and waterproof, meaning they would perform well and look as good as new throughout the academic year.