



Knightsbridge School

📍 London, UK

☰ Award HPL, Vepps HPL & Solid Surface Washtroughs

Durable washroom update to provide ultimate privacy for students

The project.

Knightsbridge School, an independent day school located in central London, is dedicated to providing a safe, modern and inspiring environment for its students. As part of their efforts to enhance facilities, the school embarked on a complete renovation of its six bathroom areas, focusing on improving functionality, durability and privacy for its diverse student body.

The challenge.

Designing washrooms for schools requires careful attention to durability, vandal resistance and privacy, ensuring they can withstand daily use while remaining easy to maintain. Knightsbridge School faced the additional challenge of completing the renovation during the summer holidays, adhering to a strict timeline to ensure the facilities were ready for the new term. Efficiency in both design and installation was crucial to meet this deadline without compromising on quality.

The solution.

To meet these demands, Knightsbridge School specified Award cubicles, Vepps pre-plumbed panelling systems and Solid Surface Washtroughs, creating a robust, stylish and functional washroom environment tailored to the needs of a busy educational setting.

Award cubicles were selected for their exceptional durability and practicality, essential for withstanding the daily use of a school environment. Specified in Cornflower Blue HPL, these cubicles add a vibrant, modern aesthetic while maintaining functionality. Made from high-pressure laminate, the cubicles are highly resistant to impact and wear, ensuring long-lasting performance. The smooth, easy-to-clean surface promotes hygiene while reducing maintenance efforts, a key consideration in a space used by hundreds of students daily. Importantly, these cubicles offer excellent privacy, fostering comfort and security for students of all ages.

For the WCs and urinals, Vepps pre-plumbed panelling systems were installed to optimise both functionality and installation efficiency. This feature significantly reduces installation times, which was critical for completing the project during the limited summer holiday period. Emma Haslehurst, from our accredited installers Haslehurst, highlighted the importance of this feature:



“We used the Vepps IPS system here as we had a tight timeline to get 3 floors / 6 areas done in the summer holidays, so the pre-plumbed system reduces installation times.” Additionally, the system offers safe and secure duct spaces, with easy access for ongoing maintenance, ensuring a reliable and practical solution for the school.

To complete the design, Solid Surface Washtroughs with underpanelling specified in Cornflower Blue HPL were installed in the sink areas, providing a cohesive and modern appearance that complements the cubicles. These washtroughs are seamless and non-porous, making them resistant to stains, scratches and impact. Their durability ensures they can withstand the rigors of daily use, while their sleek design elevates the overall aesthetic of the washrooms.

The result is a set of fully renovated washrooms that deliver a perfect balance of practicality, durability and modern design. The facilities were completed on time and to an exceptional standard, meeting the tight project timeline while exceeding the school's expectations. These new washrooms provide a safe, functional and attractive environment that will serve the school community for years to come. Knightsbridge School's updated facilities demonstrate how thoughtful design and innovative products can rise to the challenges of tight schedules, high traffic and the unique needs of educational settings.