

Rockfon refurbish campus to BREEAM standards

Leeds City College



Meeting challenges

Leeds City College has opened a new campus £14 million new build extension and refurbishment of a Grade II listed building into a state-of-the-art specialist vocational centre with training kitchens, a commercial training restaurant, hair and beauty teaching facilities and commercial salons as well as a refectory, library and student services.

Being a refurbishment project, the build had a number of challenges. The ceiling contractor, turned to Rockfon to provide acoustic and environmental solutions to help optimise the layout of the new building. Here they explain why, "We approached Rockfon because their products are ideal for a refurbishment project like this one."

They have performed well, enhancing the interior design by creating open and light spaces and delivering the acoustic qualities required."

Products in use

- Rockfon® Alaska™
- Rockfon® Artic™
- Rockfon Eclipse® Islands

The main office and teaching areas required a combination of basic room-to-room sound insulation and good sound absorption. Approximately 2,000m² of Rockfon Alaska ceiling tiles from SIG Interiors Leeds were fitted in these spaces to provide the highest Class A sound absorption. Alaska's smooth white painted fleece offers optimum light reflection of 86%.

BREEAM 'Very Good' environmental standard.

2,000m² of Rockfon Artic were installed in the stores, washrooms and circulation areas. Both Rockfon Artic and Rockfon Alaska ceiling tiles are made of stone wool and offer excellent humidity resistance and fire safety performance. Andy Couch, Business Development Manager for the Main Contractor, GB Building Solutions, is really pleased with the finished result, "Rockfon products are fully compliant with the stringent environmental protection requirements the project demanded. This has helped us to achieve the BREEAM 'Very Good' environmental standard."

Easy to install Rockfon Artic tiles offer the necessary sound control in the circulation areas. They are a cost effective way of offering a clean, white ceiling with good functionality including superior fire resistance.

The hair and beauty teaching facilities benefit from the acoustic comfort provided by Rockfon Eclipse ceiling islands.



The islands are made of a 40mm stone wool panel, which is a natural sound absorber, enabling optimum acoustic comfort. The islands are elegant floating panels hung from discreet suspension wires, making them a versatile product for refurbishment projects. The visible side of the panel has a smooth white surface. The panels allow air to circulate whilst absorbing sound from both sides of the panel, which is perfect for thermal mass buildings.

Rockfon has developed versatile and cost-effective ceiling and wall solutions which offer design, aesthetics, easy installation with key performance features of outstanding fire safety and acoustics which are important issues for modern building and renovation projects.

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Rockfon provide advanced stone wool acoustic ceiling and wall solutions to create beautiful, comfortable spaces. Easy to install and durable, they protect people from noise and the spread of fire while making a constructive contribution toward a sustainable future.