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HYDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - TAMESIDE



ARCHITECT:
Faulkner Browns Architects

MAIN CONTRACTOR:
Carillion

PAINTER & DECORATORS:
Ambrose Ellis Painting Contractors Ltd

PRODUCTS:
Johnstone's Acrylic Durable Matt

SURFACE:
Interior Walls

SUBSTRATE:
Plaster

Leading paint brand Johnstone's has ensured students at the brand new Hyde Community College will be studying in style after supplying over 3000 litres of its Acrylic Durable Matt.

The state-of-the-art school, which opened its doors in January this year, forms part of Tameside's Building Schools for the Future programme and houses over 1,000 students.

Runcorn-based decorators Ambrose Ellis worked alongside main contractors Carillion to undertake five months of extensive and highly skilled decorating to ensure the building was completed within timescale. In fact, the work was completed to such a high standard that Ambrose Ellis beat off stiff competition to win the coveted Johnstone's Painter of the Year competition earlier this year.

Sixteen decorators from Ambrose Ellis worked on the project and faced a number of challenges that tested their skills. For example, the school has a number of open atrium areas, which could only be accessed with scissor lifts, meaning that only the members of the team with the necessary training and expertise could work in these areas, which they then duly did and completed the work to an impeccable standard.

In addition to this, the school's walls feature a large array of famous quotes designed to inspire the students, which were painstakingly painted by skilled decorators using graphics, projections and stencils.

Specification of a durable and hardwearing paint to combat the high traffic nature of any school was a crucial consideration in the planning of the building and there was little hesitation in selecting Johnstone's Acrylic Durable Matt to do the job.



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Mike Ambrose, a director at Ambrose Ellis, said: "Johnstone's products were specified primarily because of their durability. With schools, we have to ensure that the finish stands up to a bit of a pummelling and we're delighted that we've achieved an unbelievable finish on this project. Johnstone's is second to none in the industry, especially when it comes to commercial work of this nature."



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