



Flexible space in school hall with a high ceiling

St Peter's is a Church School in Exeter with an ethos firmly rooted in Christian values. It exists to serve its community by providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Like many schools, the main hall at St. Peter's is used for a multitude of purposes each and every day. Working with Carillion, Style was asked to replace an old moveable wall, from a historic supplier, as staff were struggling to open and close it.

The opening wall height is 7 metres, yet upon inspection, the old moveable wall had tracks suited to only 4 metres. As a result, it couldn't effectively carry the weight and had been deteriorating with use.

"The school enjoys huge benefit from its flexible space," said Julian Sargent, Style's group managing director, "however a room of this height needs panels that are extremely large, therefore requiring specialist tracks.

"We advised they replace their old wall with DORMA Variflex, a semi-automatic partitioning system and one that is ideal for a room of this height. In fact, Variflex is perfect for school halls, churches, theatres, conference centres and anywhere with a very high ceiling as it offers solutions up to an incredible 14.5m high.

"By installing the correct tracks means the partitioning wall feels so light it can be opened by the gentle push of one hand. It also means its longevity is protected, and walls of this quality can be operational for 25 years or longer with the correct servicing."

With a 55dB Rw acoustic rating, St. Peter's new moveable wall system was finished in a chic beech finish, with the central panels in white on one side so that they could be used as a projector screen for assemblies, presentations and teaching.

"This is a superb system that, considering its height and weight, is effortless to operate and complements any interior design with a range of finishes," said Julian.

