



Westminster Cathedral Choir School

Sand-dressed Artificial Turf for Multi-use Games

Westminster Cathedral Choir School is an academically-selective, Roman Catholic preparatory school for boys, situated within an impressive setting in Central London. The Tatler Schools Guide 2016 describes the curriculum as 'brilliantly original'.

S&C Slatter worked with the School to produce creative yet practical proposal for the refurbishment of the existing tarmac playground into a genuine multi-use sports and play facility.

Central to the plan was the installation of a high performance 18mm sand-dressed artificial sports pitch to the central area, with the surface and pre-fabricated shock pad being laid directly over the prepared tarmac. Additionally, in order to maximise the use of available space, the adjacent vehicle access route was treated and coloured with a textured acrylic coating and line marked with a three lane sprint track, and the cricket practice area re-located.

The practice area was provided with a new cricket specific surfacing system and a special cage and netting structure which folds against a rear wall to a depth of around a metre for storage.

Client: Westminster Cathedral Choir School

Facility: Sand-dressed Artificial Turf for Multi-use Games. 860m².

- Inlaid school crest in artificial grass.
- Three lane sprint track. Cricket practice area with concertina cage structure.
- Refurbishment of play area surfacing.
- Roll form weld mesh fencing at one end.
- Provision of maintenance machinery.





“ WCCS is a prep school consisting of 173 boys in central London, where space is at a premium. Previously, our playground was just an asphalt surface, and cut knees and ripped trousers were a regularity. After much consideration, we decided to astro-turf the pitch with S&C Slatter and could not have been more pleased with the result. The boys love the playground now and spend all of their free-time perfecting their slide tackles. It’s also a superb resource for doing games on, as we have a cricket wicket with retractable net in the corner, and it has transformed the sport in the school.

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