



Merchant Taylor School

Merchant Taylors' School, located in Northwood, has a rich history and strong affiliation with Middlesex County Cricket Club. The school is known for its commitment to providing outstanding cricket facilities, and the recent addition of the Julian Hill Indoor Cricket Centre marks a significant milestone in their continuous effort to enhance the existing sports infrastructure.

When the school set out to create an inclusive cricket facility, it aimed to cater to students of all skill levels, from novices to potential academy prospects. The goal was to provide a comprehensive environment where both students and professionals could enhance their cricketing skills outside the traditional classroom setting. The centre boasts five distinct cricket lanes, each equipped with varied surfaces. This deliberate diversity in playing conditions transforms the centre into a dynamic testing ground, strategically designed to challenge and foster the development of students.

These varied surfaces are essential for simulating different playing conditions, helping players adapt and improve their skills. The positive impact of the new cricket centre extends beyond the school grounds. With Merchant Taylors' close affiliation with Middlesex County Cricket Club, the benefits of these cutting-edge facilities are shared with Middlesex CC as well. This collaboration ensures that both the school and the cricket club can fully utilise this elite facility. Playrite, a prominent manufacturer of artificial sports surfaces, partnered

with Durant Cricket to develop Duraweave, a woven surface specifically designed for indoor cricket facilities. Cristian Durant, Owner of Durant Cricket, stated, "We believe that the woven surface offers the best performance and durability for cricket practice. Its strength and resilience make it an ideal choice for our installations. We are confident that this surface will provide a realistic and long-lasting cricket experience."

The installation of the Duraweave woven wicket, manufactured exclusively for Durant Cricket, demonstrated superior strength, drainage, resistance to spikes, and durability. "The new cricket centre at Merchant Taylors' School is a testament to their dedication to sports excellence," said Chris Pickles, Sales Director at Playrite. "This facility is a game-changer for both the school and Middlesex County Cricket Club, providing unmatched opportunities for skill development."

The completion of the Julian Hill Indoor Cricket Centre at Merchant Taylors' School highlights the successful collaboration between Durant Cricket and Playrite. This state-of-the-art facility not only enhances the cricketing experience for students but also strengthens the school's relationship with Middlesex County Cricket Club, providing mutual benefits and fostering a robust cricketing community.

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