Parrenthorn High School, Bury

CASE STUDY

Project Information

Project Name and Location	Parrenthorn High School, Bury
Building Type and Size	£6.5 million refurbishment and extension to existing school
Application	Electrical containment and lighting
Suspended elements	Multi-tiered cable basket for containment and an acoustic ceiling
Amount of Gripples used	540 x No.3, 1m, 90° Eyelet kits with Trapeze for cable basket 480 x Toggle and Snap hook kits with 240 x Trapeze for cable basket 100 x No.1 Barrel with M6 Wood screw to secure lights in music room to a curved, acoustic ceiling

Project Description and Feedback

This project formed the electrical suspension element of the £6.5 million extension and refurbishment of the existing Parrenthorn High School for Bury Metropolitan Borough Council. The school was occupied whilst work was being undertaken, so speed of installation and minimising disruption was paramount to the project.

The school was the contractor's first use of the Gripple Trapeze for containment, and they were impressed with the improved speed of installation. One of the main objectives of the Building Schools for the Future programme is delivery on-time, in order to improve learning and decrease disruption for pupils in the area, which is why Gripple hangers were chosen over traditional methods.

The Barrel end hanger was commended for it's aesthetic finish, which was particularly important in an exposed school environment. The Toggle end hanger provided and ingenious method of attaching directly to the ceiling, which saved the expense and time of fitting additional brackets.

Generally, on site, all the installers recognised the ease of use of the Gripple hanger kits and appreciated their simplicity over cutting, and carrying heavy lengths of rod, which can prove cumbersome. They were all also impressed with the wide range of hanger options and fixings available from one company, to accommodate different conditions and services on site, and, being a UK Manufacturer, solutions and products were delivered the next working day.

"The Trapeze was so quick and simple to use to suspend basket, I am looking forward to using Gripple Hangers on our next job, they are definitely now our preferred method of containment suspension."

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