

## University of Oxford



FORBO HELPS TO CREATE A FRESH AND WELCOMING APPEARANCE FOR PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY One of the country's most historic universities, the University of Oxford sought to update its School of Geography and the Environment. With the existing flooring having become worn and dirty, the university turned to Forbo Flooring Systems' integrated portfolio of barrier matting solutions, Nuway and Coral, to create a better first impression for students, staff and visitors. Based within the University of Oxford's Social Sciences Division, the School of Geography and the Environment is recognised as a dynamic and diverse academic department. However, following years of heavy foot traffic, the flooring in the building's reception had deteriorated in condition, leading to the university looking to replace it. With over 3000 students, staff and visitors, entering the building every week, it was essential that an effective and resilient entrance flooring system was specified and installed. Lorna Softley, Head of Planning and Projects at the School of Geography and the Environment explained: "As a busy department, we were conscious that we needed a durable flooring system for this main throughfare into the building, one that could withstand the heavy footfall we expect per day. This was something that drew us to Forbo's entrance flooring solutions, as we knew they could deliver on the functionality we required, ensuring levels of walked-in dirt and moisture were reduced." However, it wasn't just the functionality that the university was concerned about, with Lorna saying: "As the previous carpet had become really worn down, we wanted to go in and replace it with a contemporary, patterned and multi-tonal carpet. We wanted the new floor coverings to contrast with the original plain grey flooring and bring a more energetic and vibrant feel to the reception space. "We were presented with options from a few different suppliers but Forbo's stood out to us, with the wide variety of colours, patterns and textures across its Nuway and Coral entrance flooring ranges. We wanted a solution that wasn't too dark in colour, to avoid it getting discoloured or marked, but also light enough to ensure the entrance felt open and welcoming." With this in mind, we specified Forbo's Coral Interior in the Ocean Spray colourway directly inside the entrance

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