Newfeld BSF
Secondary School

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Jane Bareham, of HLM Architects, Sheffield, said “The right kind of acoustics are crucial in teaching spaces, not only within a classroom but also to minimise interference from outside corridors, so pupils are not disturbed during lessons. Armstrong were able to offer a wide range of ceiling tiles with variable sound absorption qualities, according to the rooms they were to be used in”. Armstrong ceilings came in on budget without any compromise in quality or aesthetic appearance. A variety of materials such as Dune Max Tegular mineral tiles, Orcal Clip-In 5mm metal tiles and special customised Madera wood tiles – were chosen for acoustics, cost and aesthetics respectively. SCS Ltd, a recognised Armstrong Omega contractor, installed some 12,000m² of Armstrong tiles. Roger Lambert of SCS explained “Armstrong ceiling tiles are easy to install and are perfect for the education environment due to their robust handling properties. As a valued Omega ceiling contractor we have vast experience in working with and installing Armstrong ceiling products which means we can offer the best service to the education sector.”

Newfield Secondary School, a comprehensive school for about 1050 pupils between the ages of 11 and 16, is situated in the south of Sheffield and is co-located with Talbot (a Special Educational Needs school). As one of the first to open from Sheffield’s BSF programme, this project has set the benchmark and established precedents for future school buildings in Sheffield and beyond.