

Robert May's School Odiham

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About Robert May's School

- The school was built in 1674
- Former pupils include golfer Justin Rose and footballer Oly Lancashire
- The new £7.6m development creates new pupil capacity
- New facilities include brand new classrooms and a library
- The regeneration project includes landscaping and Millboard decking

The challenge

The finishing touches of the project included extensive landscaping around the new block. Morgan Sindall needed to install decking without exposing pupils, staff or construction workers to the intense noise levels of the chop-saw. They called RVT to find a solution.



Robert May's School is a coeducational secondary school with academy status, located in the village of Odiham, Hampshire. The school was founded in 1694 with donations from the will of Robert May, a local philanthropist and silk merchant.

The school has enjoyed a long and vibrant history and has experienced many changes in use and status – from boy's school to private school, to grammar and finally, academy. Unsurprisingly, the building has also changed considerably over the centuries and is currently undergoing a new expansion and modernisation under the Children's Services Capital Programme.

The new block, built by construction and regeneration specialists Morgan Sindall, accommodates a further 150 pupils and holds a new reception, library, four classrooms, and a "dry lab" for scientific, technical, digital, and practical learning.

Key benefits

- H²O-Tech® waterproof technology
- Up to 32.3 dB reduction in noise
- Quick & easy installation
- Very easily transportable - fold down to fit on a single pallet

“RVT were great to work with and quickly supplied a Soundex Cutting Enclosure to serve the landscaping works. It was easy to set up and easy to work within too. Crucially, the enclosure reduced the noise levels significantly, which meant that the students and teaching staff were not disturbed.”

Site Supervisor,
Morgan Sindall

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The RVT solution

RVT recommended that the construction company use the New Soundex Cutting Enclosure. This impressive enclosure blocked the most harmful noise levels emanating from the construction work.

Soundex Cutting Enclosure

The Soundex Cutting Enclosure is adaptable, easy to set up and, with optional casters, can be effortlessly transported to various site locations – perfect for a fast-moving project like this.

The Soundex Cutting Enclosure quickly establishes a standalone cutting zone within a site and has versatile capacity for long lengths of material, thanks to the left and right ports incorporated into the practical design. The enclosure contains a cutting deck for chop-saws.

This entire structure fits onto a single pallet which makes it easy to transport the enclosure right to the point of need.



The Cutting Enclosure protected surrounding classrooms from severe auditory disturbance



The enclosure contains a cutting deck