



# **NATIONAL STAR COLLEGE**

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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## SPEC SHEET

### SECTOR:

Student Accommodation

### CLIENT:

National Star Foundation

### ARCHITECT:

Coombes Everitt Architects

### CONTRACTOR:

King Builders Gloucester Ltd

### OTL PRODUCTS:

7 bespoke OTL Complete Level Access wet room floors for vinyl sheet flooring.

## OVERVIEW

Founded in 1967, National Star College is a UK-wide charity based in Gloucester which prepares young people with disabilities for adulthood and supports them to realise their potential and aspirations.

To transform their student accommodation bathrooms at their largest campus in Ullenwood, OTL manufactured and supplied seven accessible bathroom floors for vinyl sheet flooring, and provided a solution to the problem of excess water running out of the room on bed and wheelchair wheels. Here, we talk to Hugh Piggott, Capital Development Project Manager at the National Star Foundation, who oversaw the project.

## HOW MANY STUDENTS?

National Star has approximately 220 students across our 3 main educational centres in Cheltenham, Hereford & Mamhilad. Of these, approximately 120 are residential with us. In addition to this we have a number of long-term residents at our residential centres in Cheltenham & Gloucester.





## WHAT WAS THE AIM FOR THE REFURBISHED ROOMS?

The 7 new accommodation rooms were built in what was previously our day centre and office accommodation, adjoining 12 existing bedrooms in our Cotswold building. That part of the building was demolished internally creating a shell into which the new rooms were built. The aim of the project was to provide additional accommodation here at Ullenwood.

## WHY DID NATIONAL STAR CHOOSE OTL?

All the bedrooms that we build have en-suite bathrooms with shower, toilet and wash basin. Due to the nature of their disability many of our students will use a shower chair, so a shower cubicle is not an option, we need to create a wet room. Some students are showered on a shower trolley and as such, the water is not contained in one place. This meant that having the correct falls to the drain was crucial to ensure the water does not track into the bedroom. With previous new builds there have been a number of problems achieving the correct fall to the drain and we have had to overcome pooling and water going into bedrooms. The OTL solution has overcome this beautifully.

## HOW EASY & RELIABLE HAVE YOU FOUND OTL?

The contractor found the OTL system convenient to install and from a client's point of view the experience has been a positive one.

## WOULD STAR COLLEGE USE OTL AGAIN?

Our architects are currently in discussions with OTL for our next new build project in Hereford.

## ANY OTHER FEEDBACK?

We have found working with OTL to be a positive experience and we are grateful that they have made every effort to fully understand our concerns and requirements to provide a solution that works in practice.

