

Getting the right specification - The Yehudi Menuhin School

Based in Cobham, Surrey, The Yehudi Menuhin School provides a holistic education for around 85 musically gifted boys and girls aged from 8 to 19.

We were asked to provide a larger area loop in the School's Menuhin Hall, an auditorium used not only by the School for performances but also available to the public for hire as a venue for lectures, workshops, conferences and private functions. Built in 2006, the space seats 300 people and offers performers a technically superb acoustic, as well as insulation from the noise of the nearby M25.

In 2018 the School recognised the need to install a larger hearing loop to help those visitors with hearing loss to have the best experience in the space. The School provided our engineers with dimensions of the area in which the loop was required, and a system for the Hall was planned accordingly.

When the engineers arrived on site, however, the layout of the seating areas meant the loop driver intended for the space wouldn't have been powerful enough and would have soon burnt out. They suggested to the Menuhin Hall staff that a more powerful driver would provide the necessary coverage throughout the auditorium and this was subsequently installed.

Without such attention to detail the outcome for the School could have been less than satisfactory.

