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Staircase Specialist

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# Staircase Terminology

## **STRINGER / STRINGS**

This is the panel which is outside and inside of the flight of staircases which the treads and risers are fixed too. These can either be standard string or cut string which follows the treads and risers.

## **NEWEL POST**

This is the vertical post at the bottom and top of your staircase. This secures your balustrade and handrail in place.

## **NEWEL CAPS**

These caps are secured on top of your newel post for decoration purposes. The caps can come in many shapes and sizes.

## **HANDRAIL**

This is the rail secured onto of the balustrade for support. Handrails can be mounted onto the wall for extra support.

## **BASE RAIL**

This is the rail sits on the strings which the balustrade is secured too.

## **BULLNOSE**

This is the bottom step of staircase which can be often used as a feature step in a different material. The bullnose is the same radius as the other steps on the staircase.

## **CURTAIL STEP**

Used as a feature step on a staircase. The curtail step is much bigger than the rest of the steps and can often be doubled up to create a larger feature.

## **TREADS**

A tread is the horizontal part of the staircase that you would walk on. These can be made in many materials to suit your taste.

## **RISER**

A riser is the vertical part of the staircase attached the stair tread. The riser creates the space to the next step.

## **BALUSTRADE**

The Balustrade is the part of the staircase which secures both sides in. This can be either glass, metal, or timber.

## **STEEL SUPPORT CRADLE**

This is bespoke steel made to create a support for the staircase.

## **STEEL CENTRAL STRING**

Made for our cantilever staircase, this steel spine sits in the centre of the treads to create the base of the staircase.

## **GLASS BRACKETS**

These brackets are attached to the handrail and secure the glass into place. They can either be chrome or brushed steel.