

HARTSDOWN TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE (Kent)

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The site at Hartsdown Technology College lies near Margate in Kent overlooking a shallow valley and overlies Cretaceous chalk bedrock (Garner and Gibson 2008). Archaeological Solutions carried out excavations at the site in February 2001 in advance of construction of a new Sports Hall and Science Block (Gardner and Gibson 2008). The archaeological investigations uncovered an Early Iron Age single enclosure that is part of a larger field system and two sub circular enclosures (Gardner and Gibson 2008). The excavators theorise that the single enclosure functioned as an animal corral due to the presence of animal bones within its ditches and lack of internal features (Gardner and Gibson 2008). Furthermore, excavations recovered a single inhumation within the enclosure's ditch (Gardner and Gibson 2008). The contextual evidence indicates this was a deliberate and structured burial and not the product of chance (Gardner and Gibson 2008). Tony Waldron (2008) conducted the osteological analysis on the inhumation from Hartsdown Technology College.

- *Due to the limits of the excavations, there is not cardinal direction for the site.*