

## Character List:

The time is noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1937. The setting is the Headmaster's study. This is on the first floor of one of 'Hornchurch Private School for Young Gentlemen's' main buildings.



### Bartholomew Rex:

The Headmaster of 'Hornchurch Private School for Young Gentlemen'. Mr Rex recently... and the cracks are beginning to show!

### Detective Inspector Spence:

A seasoned sleuth, relaxed in manner yet relentless in his pursuit of 'the truth'. A good ally, a merciless enemy.



### The Suspects:

#### Judy Rex:

The Head's wife... volatile, outspoken and argumentative. She feels pushed out by her husband's job and is certainly not the type to suffer in silence.



#### Miss Helen Richmond:

The Head's personal secretary... and Helen seems to have taken the 'personal' part of her job to heart. She's co-operative, polite and helpful. In fact she'll do anything to please Mr Rex!



#### Miss Barbara Forbes-Marshall:

The Head of English, Barbara is a flamboyant, overpowering and expressive woman. She feels that English is lacking the resources that it deserves at school and is on a crusade to redress the balance.

#### James Richardson:

The school caretaker James is a likeable person, just a little bit 'dim.' He's gentle, polite and softly spoken... but he can become hot-tempered when cornered! He's not happy at Hornchurch and dreams of leaving.



#### Mr Brian Hammond:

Brian, the vain Deputy Head, is forthright, decisive and aggressive. He has ideas about how the school could be run more efficiently, and he's not subtle about expressing these. He feels he'd make a much better Headmaster than Mr Rex!

#### Mr Harry Smith:

Science Master Harry hasn't been at Hornchurch long and so far he's not made a particularly good impression. He's blundering and ineffectual yet harmless enough. He keeps himself to himself preferring his scientific experiments to actual human contact.



#### (Colonel Martin Frobisher)

Not actually seen onstage, 'the Colonel' is the Head of the School Governors. He's an austere gentleman who openly interferes with the running of the school and Mr Rex's policies.