



TITLE: The Demon Headmaster

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INTEREST AGE: 8-12 Years

BOOKBAND: Dark Blue

OUR REVIEW: This popular series now has a fresh set of modern covers to appeal to a new generation of readers.

After reading Chapter 1, write down what you have learned about Lloyd, Harvey and Dinah.

Read Chapter 2. When Dinah first meets the boys, both boys responded very differently towards her. Find 3 different reactions/responses that the boys had. Which responses do you think were correct? Why?

Can you find a simile in chapter 5 to describe the Headmaster?

What do you think is going on in the assembly hall?

How did Dinah react in Chapter 9 when she realised how and why she had been hypnotised? Write a summary of her reactions, behaviour and thoughts.

Read Chapter 4. Write a summary of Dinah's first morning at school.

Read Chapter 6. What do you think is going to happen next to Lloyd, Harvey and Dinah? Will they all have the same punishment?

In Chapter 8 why does Lloyd blame Dinah for Harvey getting into trouble? Is he being fair?

Why do you think that the prefects have given Harvey this punishment?

Lloyd brings Dinah to the SPLAT meeting but he has conflicting feelings about this. Use a mind map to show Lloyd's feelings and emotions during the meeting and explain why he feels this way.

In Chapter 3 Dinah first meets the Headmaster. Use the text to help you write a detailed character profile of him.

In chapter 7 Dinah, Lloyd and Harvey are punished by prefects for throwing snowballs. Do you think their punishment is fair? Are their rights being respected?

Look at the Rights of a Child. Which rights are the children being denied in this school? Discuss.

In Chapter 11 Dinah is caught doing a number of wrong things.

Can you predict what Mr Venables has asked Dinah to do? Use the clues in the chapter to help.

In Chapter 12 it doesn't make sense that the Headteacher has invited the Eddy Hair Show to the school. Use bullet points to list all the things about the show that the Headmaster would hate. Why do you think he has invited the show to the school? What is his master plan?

In Chapter 14 the Headmaster says "I can see I have not overestimated your intelligence, but you have underestimated my determination." What does he mean by this?

What will happen when the Headmaster says "Destroy the dolls"? What could the consequences be?

In chapter 13 SPLAT make a plan to foil the Headmaster. Outline the details of their plan. What is each member going to do?

As the Quiz goes on in Chapter 15, Dinah and Lloyd have doubts about whether they can go ahead with the Headmaster's plan. What happens to make them realise this? What does Dinah do in the end? How was Dinah involved in the final answer?

After reading the whole book, write a book review about The Demon Headmaster.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Write some rules for the Demon Headmaster's school

Write a headmaster's speech.

Write a letter to the Demon Headmaster.

Other books in the Demon Headmaster series include...



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