"Smith Minor has sent you a rather amusing postcard from Brighton, Tomkins."

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ABOUT

Ink drawing by Michael ffolkes incorporating two textual elements: the pencilled note along the upper edge reading "Lord Rudolph sends his headmaster a picture postcard to say he's not coming back," and the caption beneath the image, "Smith Minor has sent you a rather amusing postcard from Brighton, Tomkins."

The composition depicts a school staff room, with teachers gathered around piles of postcards scattered across the floor and furniture, delivered by a G.P.O. postman entering through the doorway. Interior details include the "STAFF ROOM" sign on the door and framed images on the walls. Signed ffolkes at lower right. Newly framed under museum glass.

Michael ffolkes, born Brian Davis (British, 1925–1988), was a cartoonist and illustrator active in post-war British print media. After service in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, he studied at St Martin's School of Art. He began contributing to Punch in the early 1950s and went on to publish work in The New Yorker, The Spectator, Private Eye, and several national newspapers. Ffolkes also illustrated books and worked as a storyboard artist for television and film productions. His career encompassed editorial cartooning, humorous illustration, and visual commentary across mid- to late-20th-century British publications.

ITEM DETAILS

Reference: #PH066

CREATOR

Michael ffolkes (born Brian Davis)

PERIOD / DATE

1950s

PLACE OF ORIGIN

England

DIMENSIONS

Unknown

MATERIALS & TECHNIQUES

Ink on Paper

CONDITION

Excellent