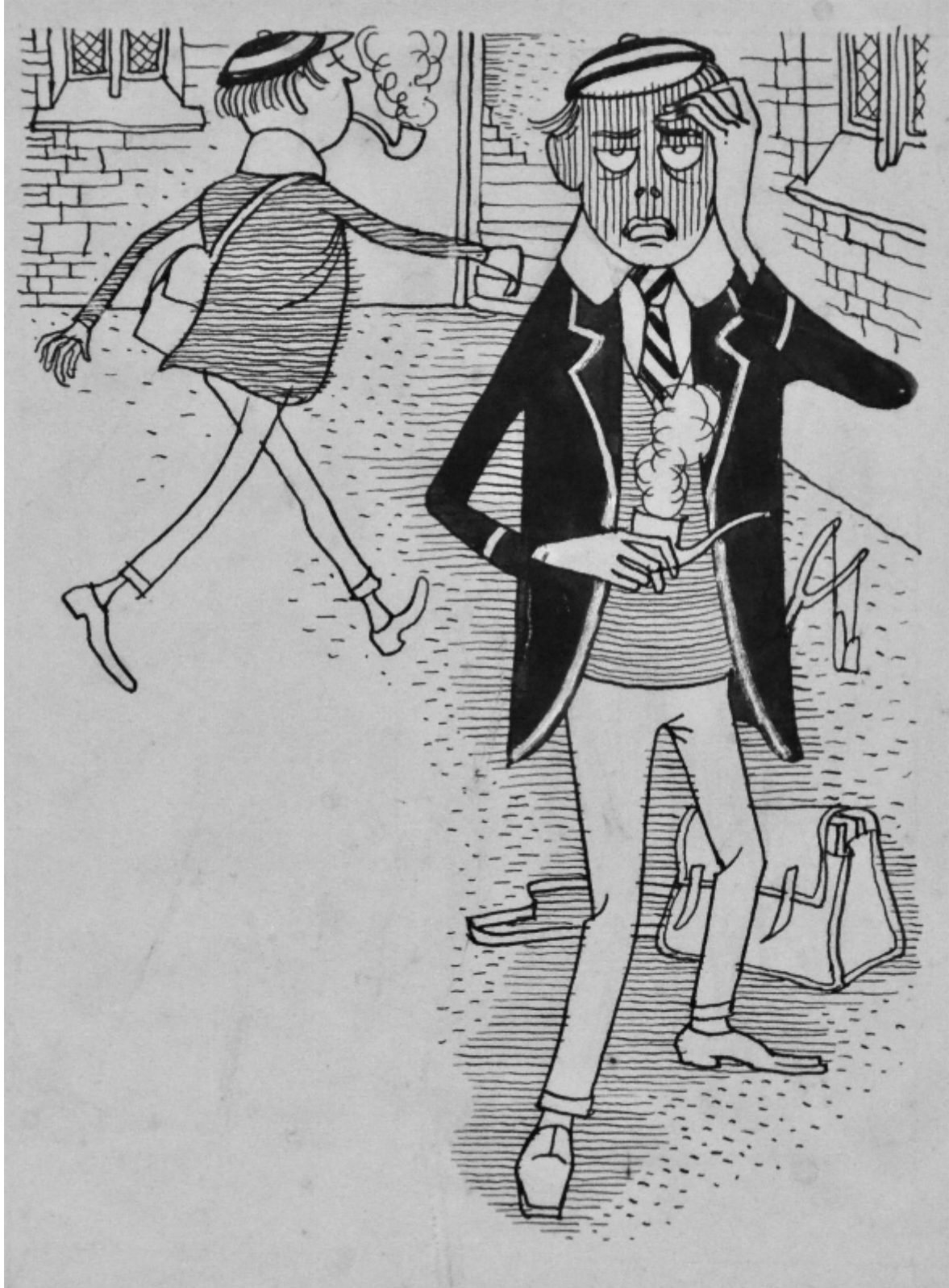


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His First Smoke - 20th Century British ink illustration by Ionicus  
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## Description

"IONICUS" JOSHUA CHARLES ARMITAGE (1913-1998)

His First Smoke

Pen and ink heightened with white, unframed

12 by 9.5 cm., 4 by 3 in. (mount size 28 by 24.5 cm., 11 by 9 in.)

Joshua Charles Armitage was a popular 20th century illustrator and cartoonist working for many magazine and producing numerous book illustrations and cover designs. He was born in Hoylake, Cheshire and studied at Liverpool School of Art. He took the pen name Ionicus for his first cartoon, which was published in Punch, 24 March 1944. Over the following 40 years he contributed 358 drawings to the magazine. As a book illustrator he work on over 50 Wodehouse titles.