

Harry Potter Escape Room

When we decided to do a Harry Potter escape room we did a google search for “Harry Potter Escape Room Library” and came up with this program.

<http://programminglibrarian.org/programs.harry-potter-escape-room>

This is how we made it our own after reading what they had done.

Our room size 10'x12'. The large props we had in the room are a table for a desk, a library book cart, a small book shelf, a trunk (could use any storage bin), and small plant stands. We did not purchase any of these they were brought in by staff.

For small props we had:

- Many books from our reference shelves as they were the oldest looking books we had.
- A bird cage with feathers from a boa... We said this was Fawkes' molt
- Plants both live and fake, a belt wrapped chest.
- On desk: a picture frame with a Dumbledore quote, candle sticks, vase with fake flowers, old bust, small chest with keys.
- Cauldrons, a sorting hat, weird bottles with colored water in them
- In the chest we put robes (graduation gowns work), earmuffs, and the large breakout edu box
- A globe, a stand with a book (Burke's peerage from the library)

This is how our room was supposed to go, most people did not do it in this order:

1. In the room were hidden 8 rocks that had runes on one side and numbers on the other. Also in the room was a Rune Dictionary that we had put together.
2. The runes on the stones spelled mandrake. We had created a mandrake out of clay, fake plants, and string from a YouTube video. In the chest in the room were earmuffs that they had to put on before pulling the mandrake. If they did not they got a 2 minute penalty.
3. After pulling the mandrake they found a key in the roots. This key unlocked the breakout edu box (which we called contraband) and a belt wrapped chest with a padlock.
4. The contraband box held 2 old Nokia phones, a magnifying glass with light, a calculator, and a battery. The battery is for a black light used later. In the chest is a piece of paper and a diary. The diary is locked.
5. The piece of paper is a pondering by Professor Dumbledore about a parchment (Marauder's Map) that he found and can't figure out. In the pondering there are bold words which are places on the Marauder's Map. These places have a letter next to them on the map. The map is sitting out on the desk. We chose for ours to spell out the numbers: Three, Nine, Four.
6. The digits go into a book safe which has the black light in it.
7. On the desk is a chest full of keys, the diary key is among them. Most people tried all the keys in the belt chest and contraband box. Once the diary is open they find it belonged to Myrtle. It is for the year just before she dies. Some of the entries have illustrations and the last entry is the clue to decide which portrait to look at.
8. After assembling the black light and battery they then shine the light around the room. On the wall are 6 portraits of headmasters, one of them has writing in black light markers “Alohomora to escape”. The patrons had to say “Alohomora to escape” before we allowed them to escape.

Here are our escape scenario, diary entries, and Dumbledore parchment:

Escape Scenario

Why are they in Dumbledore's office?

Hello Students,

You have snuck up to Dumbledore's office in order to use the pensive. As you were finishing you noticed that the door was locked and you could not locate the key. You now have to try and find a way to get out of the office before you are found.

You must escape the office. You have half an hour to solve all the puzzles. You do not need to rip anything or take anything off the walls. You will be given no hints (Unless we felt they were needed). If you do not complete the puzzles before the 30 minutes are up you will get detention.

We had a couple of rooms run with 2 or 3 players and we did give them some hints.

Diary Entries

Myrtle Warren / Moaning Myrtle

September 1 1942

Another year at Hogwarts has begun. There are new Ravenclaws' that I hope to make friends with. Professor Dippet gave us the rules for this year again. We are not allowed in the forbidden forest and there was work being done in parts of the castle.

October 13, 1942

Oh, I have not made any new friends this year! Olive keeps teasing me and no one wants to be around someone who is always picked on.

November 9, 1942

Olive Hornby is at it again! Why won't she leave me alone?! I don't understand why she is always teasing me about my glasses. At least I got an A on that exam for Professor Dumbledore.

December 20, 1942

End of term and I get to go home for the holidays. At least mom and dad will be proud of my marks.

January 26, 1943

Today Olive was so bad that I ran to the girl's bathroom on the second floor and cried.

March 2, 1943

I wish that I had a friend that I could talk to. I bumped into a boy today. He was very cute with jet black hair. I said I was sorry but he gave me such a cold look and continued on his way. I wonder what his name is?

April 16, 1943

Something strange is happening in the school. Students are being attacked. The teachers don't know what it is. I wonder if I could figure it out?

May 6, 1943

There have been more strange happenings. I have tried to figure out the mystery but Olive is still teasing me all the time. I just wish that she would stop.

June 9, 1943

I can't take it anymore!!!! I am going to Professor Dippet today! That awful Olive was teasing me about my glasses, again! I need my glasses to see.

June 12, 1943

I saw Professor Dippet and he said that he would talk with Olive. While I was waiting in his office the portrait of Phineas Nigellus Black frowned and said that I should act my age and deal with it myself. I hate how he always knows just what to say.

Dumbledore's Ponderings about Marauder's Map

Hmmm... I found this parchment on the floor and I knew that it is something special...I just needed to figure out why. When I tapped on the parchment it said:

*Mr. Moony wonders if Professor Dumbledore would like to visit the **History of Magic classroom** to see what is next.*

I got to the classroom and tapped the page again and it said:

*Mr. Padfoot wonders if Professor Dumbledore knows the **undercover route to the kitchens**? The house elves are so friendly and will give you more food.*

Hmm ... I wonder why he mentioned the kitchens? Well I thought, I will go and get myself a snack and preceded to go to the **lower chambers corridor west** and then to the kitchens.

After a snack in the kitchens I tapped the map again.

*Mr. Wormtail thinks that Professor Dumbledore should take a nice walk out to the **Whomping Willow**. It is such a lovely stroll.*

As I headed out to the **Whomping Willow** I passed through the **clock tower** and the **courtyard**. This really is such a lovely walk out to the Whomping Willow. Once I reached the Whomping Willow I tapped the page again.

Mr. Prong thinks that Professor Dumbledore should look back at the school.

I turned around and took a look at the school and saw a couple of students in the Arithmancy classroom. Heading back into the school to find out what the students were up to, I crossed the courtyard and went into the **clock tower**. Wondering why Mr. Wormtail sent me out to the **Whomping Willow** the whole way. Then I arrived at the Arithmancy classroom to find the students looking around on all the tables and on the floor. One of them had misplaced their wand. I told them to look in the **lost wands room**.

I then tapped the parchment again. Mr. Moong again talked with me.

Up in the Divination tower is a secret that only the wise will be able to see.

So I took myself off up the **Divination stairwell** to see if I was wise. Looking out the Divination classroom window I looked out over the grounds of Hogwarts and the **Dark Forest**.

Well I must not be among the wise as I was unable to find anything out of the ordinary. I headed back down the Divination stairwell and thought on what these people were trying to get me to do. Well I tapped the piece of paper one last time and got this message.

*Messers Moony, Wormtail, Padfoot, and Prongs think that professor Dumbledore should make a nice sleeping potion after all that fine walking. We suggest getting your ingredients from **Snape's stores**. Have a pleasant night, Professor.*

Pictures of our Room:





