



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE  
READING • BERKSHIRE

**Year 7-10 Entry Practice Paper**  
**English Assessment – Descriptive Writing**  
**Time allowed: 45 minutes**

**Special instructions:**

- There is one question to answer.
- Please write your answer on the specially provided answer paper.
- **Do not write your name** in your answer or elsewhere on the paper - we have included it at the bottom.
- You can write a maximum of two sides of A4 paper (we are interested in the quality of what you write, not the quantity).
- Remember to use paragraphs.

**You will be judged on:**

- Accurate use of **punctuation** and **sentence structures**
- Your use of **language devices**; adjectives, similes, personification etc.
- Your range of **vocabulary**
- Your depth of **detail**

**We suggest that you use your time as follows:**

- Spend 5 minutes thinking and writing a plan
- Spend 35 minutes writing your answer
- Spend 5 minutes proof reading, checking your spelling and grammar

## Descriptive Writing

Write a description of a beach in summer, as suggested by this picture.

Think about how you will structure your ideas and how you will use language to create a detailed and imaginative setting.

Remember that you are **not** writing a narrative (story) but a **descriptive** piece of writing.

*You may use this sheet for planning if you wish, but remember **not** to write your name on it.*

