

# Teachers' expertise called upon by School Improvement Service



## ■ Denbigh High School teachers Simon Sherrington and Teleri Owen

Two Denbighshire High School teachers selected to help schools across the region to implement new GCSE specifications in their specialist subjects have had their contracts extended.

Denbigh High School's head of art Simon Sherrington and food technology teacher Teleri Owen, were appointed by GwE, the Regional School Effectiveness & Improvement Service for North Wales. Mr Sherrington, Regional Lead Practitioner for Art, and Mrs Owen, Hub Lead Practitioner for Food Technology were initially contracted for a 12 month period to help schools in the six Local Authorities (Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Wrexham and Flintshire) to effectively introduce the revisions to

the qualification in both subjects. Based on their invaluable input so far, GwE has asked the teachers to continue in their roles for another year. As well as working with schools on implementing the new specifications, their roles also involve influencing teaching and learning methods in line with The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) agenda.

Mr Sherrington said: "I am thoroughly enjoying having the opportunity to work with other schools in this capacity. The changes to the art GCSE are all about moving things on, looking at the wider use of drawing in different contexts, and generally aligning the subject to include more current techniques used in the world

of work."

Mr Sherrington also runs a lunchtime art club at Denbigh High for all years four times a week, and an additional art club for year 11 and sixth form students on Wednesdays.

Mrs Owen has been supporting teachers with the delivery of the new Food & Nutrition GCSE and is the contact for any issues that they may have, "I have loved having the opportunity to work with other food technology teachers in this capacity. We've been able to bounce ideas back and to and agree an implementation strategy that optimises students' experience of the subject.