

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CLEVE HOUSE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIAL OPEN DAY**

A Bristol school is holding an open day with a difference to mark its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Cleve House School, which is situated on Wells Road in Knowle, is inviting local people and businesses to join the anniversary celebrations next week.

The event on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, will feature local artisan craft stands, games and live music, an anniversary collage and an auction which features a signed Bristol City shirt and Bristol Rovers match tickets. All funds raised at the free event will be donated to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal. There will also be a chance to take a tour of the school and to meet new headteacher Clare Fraser.

Among the stallholders at Cleve House will be Ukrainian national Serhii Shlapak, who operates a coffee and panini mobile catering van that is normally situated on St John's Lane in Bedminster.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine Serhii has taken in his sister-in-law and niece as refugees at the home in Bedminster that he shares with his wife and two children.

"I have been in the UK for around eight years and have worked as a chef and barista," says Serhii.

"My father, brother and other members of my family are still in the west of Ukraine, two hours from Lviv. Of course the situation there is very worrying and my customers in Bedminster have been a great support, even placing a Ukrainian flag beside my van which now helps to attract new customers."

Clare Fraser said: "Cleve House has been part of the community here in Knowle since 1937, providing a great education to several generations of children in south Bristol.

"We wanted to strengthen our links in community even further by inviting local traders plus current and potential parents and pupils, to join us for a different kind of open day. It is important that our pupils understand the needs of others and what is happening in the wider world, and we are happy to donate all proceeds from our event to help people suffering in Ukraine."

The open day at Cleve House takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> June from 10am-12.30pm. For further information call 0117 977 7218.

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