

**Supporting care experienced students to enter
and succeed in higher education**

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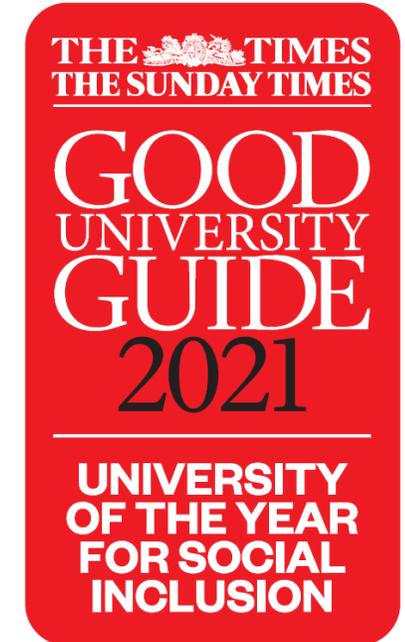


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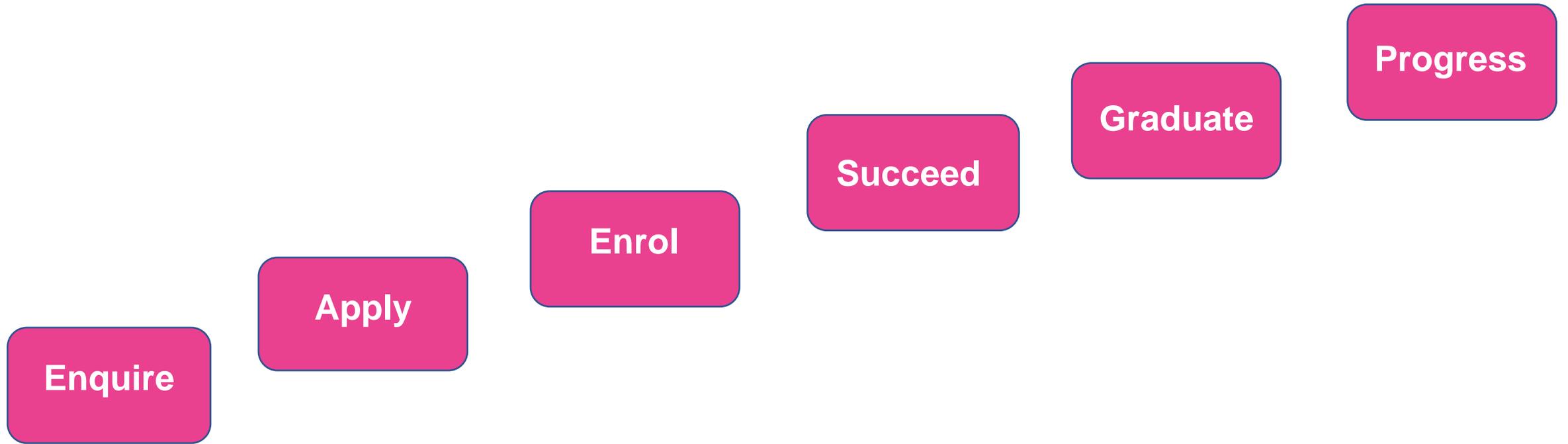


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- Sunderland, London, Hong Kong
- Proud of our widening participation commitment
- Support established in 2008
- Currently supporting 97 care-experienced students
- Awarded the NNECL Quality Mark in March 2022
- 96% of students rated our support as very good or good



We Care Team – our support starts now





Applicants – Part 1

- UCAS 'tick the box'
- Email campaigns and call centre
- Named contact
- Open Days and Individual Tours
- Support for foster carers, teachers and Local Authority staff
- Regular 'touch points' during the year



Applicants – Part 2

- Access to £2,000 We Care Bursary each year
- Guaranteed accommodation 365 days each year
- Fast-track referrals
- Support based on individual needs
- Practical support – transition to university
- Regular catch-up meetings



Student Peer Support Network

- Social Media – WhatsApp and Facebook
- We Care Cuppas
- Social events
- Student Ambassadors – guaranteed interview
- We Care at Christmas
- Conferences, workshops and webinars
- Cultural Spring





QUESTIONS?

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**Tick the
Box**

The Fostering Network



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