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The week before Christmas is always a busy one at Sumer NI, but in the best possible way. With flexible working hours, it's a week that balances deadlines, development and a bit of festive cheer.

Much of my time was spent on accounts preparation, working through manager and partner review points to get jobs signed off before the Christmas break. This is the stage I enjoy most, getting into the detail, refining the final points and delivering accounts to a high standard. It's a real example of doing the right thing for our clients and taking pride in quality work. Alongside this, I worked on management accounts and a service charge audit, gaining exposure across a range of clients and sectors.

Development is always encouraged at Sumer NI. This week included Datasnipping training at the Maldron Hotel. The firm's clear development framework is always in the back of my mind, with its focus on quality, client, growth and profitability helping me make it count in my day-to-day work.

Balancing full-time work alongside studying for my ACCA qualification is a key part of trainee life.

Most evenings are spent studying after work, working through online lectures, study texts and practice questions for my Taxation exam. The flexibility and support at Sumer NI make this balance achievable, and the experience gained during the day directly reinforces my studies, helping me make it count both professionally and academically.

There were also plenty of opportunities to connect and shine together. I attended a Women in Business networking event and recorded a video testimonial, helping raise both my profile and Sumer NI's. The Christmas Quarterly staff meeting was a real highlight, celebrating firm growth, new starters, promotions and team achievements, rounded off with a prosecco toast.

The week finished on a festive note with a Christmas jumper fundraising day in aid of Air Ambulance, a great reminder that Sumer NI genuinely cares about its people and community.

Busy, rewarding and motivating, a brilliant way to head into the Christmas break.