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I joined Isosceles on the Graduate Scheme in September 2020 after just graduating from the University of Nottingham with a Master's in Chemistry that year. So with Covid-19 closing the office I started the job virtually from home, and I have only worked four days so far in the actual Egham office.

Starting the job virtually was actually a lot better than I was expecting. I was able to do all the training easily, and it was quite nice to be on my own to go through everything I had just learned and write up notes in my own time. The job itself has been really straightforward to do from home, and I definitely feel a part of Isosceles even not being in the office. Although I am very excited for when we can finally see everyone in person!

Getting started at home was really easy too as work sent me everything I needed, and I've also been set up on the ACA course which I can also do from home. Strangely lockdown has been a great time to start my exams, and get through some of them whilst there's not much to do currently.

My team have been so lovely and welcoming. I think the hardest thing about working from home is missing out on the experience of being in the office with everyone, and making friends but I feel I've been able to definitely make friends here.

Additionally, I haven't felt disadvantaged at all having come from a non-accounting background at University. Lots of my team did degrees that weren't finance based so they understand exactly what its like to start so new to it all, and they've been great at helping me.

I currently have three clients, who are a mix of small and larger clients which is really nice as it allows me to work on a range of different aspects of accounting. I've been given lots of opportunities to get involved with client work, and have continually been able to progress to more challenging work.

I've also been able to get involved in other areas of Isosceles such as project work and organising socials as a part of the social committee. Organising a quiz with the other three new graduates turned out to be a great way to get to know them all better, and I'm so glad I could get involved with it.

Isosceles have been great at keeping a social part of the company even when we're all at home. We've had quizzes, a virtual Christmas party and regular catch up chats. Its been so nice to meet everyone in the company through this including everyone in the Sheffield office who I wouldn't normally get a chance to get to know quite so well.

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