

PEARSON PLC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of March 2009

**PEARSON plc**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**80 Strand  
London, England WC2R 0RL  
44-20-7010-2000**  
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the

Yes

No X

This Report includes the following documents:

1. A press release from Pearson plc announcing Directorate Change

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## **BOARD CHANGE**

Pearson announces that Sir David Bell, an executive director, will step down from the board at the company's annual general meeting on 1 May 2009 and retire from Pearson at the end of this year, after working to ensure a smooth transition to his successor.

David Bell has been Pearson's Director for People, responsible for the recruitment, development and reward of Pearson's 34,000 people around the world, since July 1998. He joined Pearson in 1970 as a trainee journalist at the *Oxford Mail and Times*, part of Westminster Press. He then spent 24 years at the *Financial Times* in various roles including Washington Correspondent, Features Editor, Managing Editor, Advertising Director, Chief Executive and finally Chairman since 1996. He joined the Pearson Board in March 1996 and received his knighthood for services to business, the arts and charities including Crisis, the International Youth Foundation and the Millennium Bridge Trust.

Pearson's new Director for People will be Robin Baliszewski, President of Pearson's Health Science and Career publishing division since 2000. She joined Prentice Hall in 1982 and has held a range of sales, editorial, publishing, marketing and leadership roles in Pearson's North American education companies.

Marjorie Scardino, Pearson's chief executive, said:

"David has played an enormous role in defining the company that Pearson aspires to be today: commercially successful, editorially courageous, socially responsible. He is passionate about the craft of publishing and the social

function of business, and has helped hordes of people make progress in their careers and in their lives."

"Robin is an experienced and highly accomplished editor, publisher, salesperson and leader who has been instrumental in the success of one of our most innovative and fast-growing divisions. She shares our deep commitment to the development of talent and to making Pearson a stimulating and rewarding place to work. I'm very happy to welcome her to our senior team."

**ENDS**

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PEARSON plc

Date: 02 March 2009

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

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Stephen Jones  
Deputy Secretary