

PEARSON PLC
Form 6-K
October 15, 2018

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 October 2018

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:

Form 20-F X

Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes

No X

TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: Pearson plc

1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)
Non-UK issuer

2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

X

Other (please specify)iii: i. Type 1 Disclosure as per the Transparency Directive II Regulation

3. Details of person subject to the notification obligationiv

Name

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
Corporation Trust Center, 1209
Orange Street,
Wilmington DE 19801, USA

City and country of registered office (if applicable)

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.)v

Name

Goldman Sachs International
Peterborough Court, 133 Fleet Street,
London
EC4A 2BB, UK

City and country of registered office (if applicable)

5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedvi:

10/10/2018

6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY):

12/10/2018

7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation

| | % of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8. A) | % of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2) | Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B) | Total number of voting rights of issuervii |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached | 0.50% | 6.19% | 6.69% | 781,064,746 |
| Position of previous notification (if applicable) | 0.60% | 5.47% | 6.06% | |

8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedviii

A: Voting rights attached to shares

| Class of shares (if possible) | Number of voting rights | | % of voting rights | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Direct | Indirect | Direct | Indirect |
| ISIN code (if possible) | (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) | (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) | (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) | (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) |
| | (DTR5.1) | (DTR5.2.1) | (DTR5.2.1) | (DTR5.2.1) |

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| | | 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1) | |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| GB0006776081 | 3,591,794 | | 0.46% |
| US7050151056 | 301,885 | | 0.04% |
| SUBTOTAL | | | 0.50% |
| 8. A | 3,893,679 | | |

B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))

| Type of financial instrument | Expirationdate x | Exercise/Conversion Period xi | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted. | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Securities Lending | Open | | 12,489,109 | 12.49% |
| Call Option | 21-Dec-2018 | | 406,000 | 0.41% |
| SUBTOTAL 8. B | | | 12,895,109 | 12.90% |
| 1 | | | | |

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))

| Type of financial instrument | Expirationdate x | Exercise/Conversion Period xi | Physical or cash settlement xii | Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Refer to the Annexure | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL | | | 78,622,117 | | 3.66% |
| 8.B.2 | | | | | |

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an "X")

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer xiii

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Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entityxiv (please add additional rows as necessary) X

| Name ^{xv} | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold |
|---|--|--|---|
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Goldman Sachs (UK) L.L.C. Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited Goldman Sachs International | | 3.64% | 3.64% |

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
GSAM Holdings LLC
Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.
Goldman Sachs Asset Management International Holdings L.L.C.
Goldman Sachs Asset Management Co., Ltd.

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
GSAM Holdings LLC
Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:

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| Name of the proxy holder | N/A |
| The number and % of voting rights held | N/A |
| The date until which the voting rights will be held | N/A |

11. Additional information^{xvi}
Please note, total amount of voting rights have been rounded to 2 decimal places therefore there is a possibility of a rounding error.

General email contact:
gs-regops-emea-position-enquiries@gs.com

Place of completion London, UK
Date of completion 12/10/2018

Natalie White
Deputy Company Secretary
Pearson plc

15 October 2018

Annexure

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC
(DTR5.3.1.1 (b))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date ^x | Exercise/Conversion period ^{xi} | Physical or cash settlement ^{xii} | Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| CFD | 10-Dec-2025 | | Cash | 3,850,190 | 0.49% |
| CFD | 23-Sep-2020 | | Cash | 2,464,000 | 0.32% |
| CFD | 10-Apr-2028 | | Cash | 2,116,003 | 0.27% |
| Swap | 7-May-2019 | | Cash | 1,896,936 | 0.24% |
| CFD | 15-Sep-2028 | | Cash | 1,745,000 | 0.22% |
| CFD | 20-Oct-2027 | | Cash | 1,505,835 | 0.19% |
| Swap | 28-Jul-2021 | | Cash | 1,096,212 | 0.14% |
| CFD | 9-Sep-2021 | | Cash | 820,388 | 0.11% |
| Swap | 28-Jul-2021 | | Cash | 757,148 | 0.10% |
| Swap | 21-May-2019 | | Cash | 622,194 | 0.08% |
| CFD | 12-Oct-2028 | | Cash | 593,776 | 0.08% |
| CFD | 29-Oct-2027 | | Cash | 525,035 | 0.07% |
| CFD | 20-Oct-2027 | | Cash | 384,473 | 0.05% |
| CFD | 20-Oct-2027 | | Cash | 384,147 | 0.05% |
| CFD | 27-Oct-2027 | | Cash | 373,164 | 0.05% |
| Swap | 7-May-2019 | | Cash | 344,973 | 0.04% |
| CFD | 16-Jun-2028 | | Cash | | 0.04% |

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| | | | 328,703 | |
| CFD | 15-Jul-2021 | Cash | 328,703 | 0.04% |
| Swap | 7-May-2019 | Cash | 262,835 | 0.03% |
| CFD | 19-May-2027 | Cash | 253,415 | 0.03% |
| Swap | 3-Feb-2023 | Cash | 250,801 | 0.03% |
| CFD | 10-Apr-2028 | Cash | 249,676 | 0.03% |
| CFD | 9-Sep-2021 | Cash | 241,924 | 0.03% |
| CFD | 24-Mar-2028 | Cash | 219,000 | 0.03% |
| CFD | 21-Jun-2028 | Cash | 218,357 | 0.03% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 217,594 | 0.03% |
| CFD | 23-Aug-2028 | Cash | 204,000 | 0.03% |
| Swap | 28-Jul-2021 | Cash | 203,317 | 0.03% |
| Swap | 12-Oct-2023 | Cash | 200,000 | 0.03% |
| Swap | 2-Feb-2023 | Cash | 198,606 | 0.03% |
| Swap | 12-Oct-2023 | Cash | 197,330 | 0.03% |
| Swap | 17-Sep-2020 | Cash | 189,942 | 0.02% |
| Swap | 28-Jul-2021 | Cash | 170,231 | 0.02% |
| CFD | 12-Jun-2028 | Cash | 156,757 | 0.02% |
| CFD | 18-Sep-2028 | Cash | 133,410 | 0.02% |
| CFD | 20-Sep-2028 | Cash | 132,450 | 0.02% |
| Swap | 28-Jul-2021 | Cash | 131,070 | 0.02% |
| CFD | 22-Sep-2028 | Cash | 128,710 | 0.02% |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 124,313 | 0.02% |
| CFD | 25-Feb-2027 | Cash | 122,707 | 0.02% |
| Swap | 7-May-2019 | Cash | 121,966 | 0.02% |
| Swap | 5-Sep-2019 | Cash | | 0.02% |

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| | | | 120,300 | |
| Swap | 3-Feb-2023 | Cash | 117,797 | 0.02% |
| CFD | 25-Feb-2027 | Cash | 117,407 | 0.02% |
| Swap | 22-Mar-2019 | Cash | 113,300 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 5-Nov-2027 | Cash | 111,297 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 12-Jul-2023 | Cash | 105,663 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 17-Jul-2028 | Cash | 103,200 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 11-Aug-2028 | Cash | 100,000 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 2-Feb-2023 | Cash | 93,281 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 1-Mar-2028 | Cash | 92,133 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 14-Jun-2023 | Cash | 86,565 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 12-Jul-2023 | Cash | 84,590 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 11-Aug-2023 | Cash | 79,619 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 10-Mar-2028 | Cash | 78,808 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 15-Sep-2028 | Cash | 73,785 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 7-Jul-2023 | Cash | 73,094 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 5-Sep-2019 | Cash | 72,000 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 7-May-2019 | Cash | 71,570 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 69,385 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 3-Feb-2023 | Cash | 68,758 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 10-Jul-2019 | Cash | 63,409 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 62,740 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 15-Jun-2023 | Cash | 57,709 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 7-May-2019 | Cash | 57,156 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 5-Sep-2019 | Cash | 55,700 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 14-Jan-2021 | Cash | | 0.01% |

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| | | | 55,648 | |
| CFD | 17-Jul-2028 | Cash | 55,000 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 2-Feb-2023 | Cash | 54,448 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 21-Sep-2028 | Cash | 50,000 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 1-Sep-2028 | Cash | 50,000 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 50,000 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 18-Sep-2028 | Cash | 48,590 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 20-Sep-2028 | Cash | 48,250 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 14-Jan-2021 | Cash | 47,488 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 22-Sep-2028 | Cash | 46,890 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 25-Feb-2027 | Cash | 46,703 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 18-Sep-2019 | Cash | 43,473 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 1-Feb-2023 | Cash | 43,214 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 21-Nov-2018 | Cash | 42,200 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 41,002 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 17-Jul-2023 | Cash | 40,500 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 1-Mar-2028 | Cash | 40,474 | 0.01% |
| CFD | 14-Sep-2028 | Cash | 40,055 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 14-Jun-2023 | Cash | 40,052 | 0.01% |
| Swap | 12-Jul-2023 | Cash | 37,897 | 0.005% |
| CFD | 21-Jul-2028 | Cash | 34,000 | 0.004% |
| Swap | 7-Jul-2023 | Cash | 32,746 | 0.004% |
| CFD | 14-Jul-2023 | Cash | 30,500 | 0.004% |
| Swap | 12-Jun-2023 | Cash | 30,225 | 0.004% |
| CFD | 10-Mar-2028 | Cash | 29,574 | 0.004% |
| CFD | 27-Feb-2023 | Cash | | 0.004% |

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| | | | 29,498 | |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 29,469 | 0.004% |
| CFD | 22-Sep-2028 | Cash | 27,275 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 15-Sep-2028 | Cash | 26,877 | 0.003% |
| Swap | 15-Jun-2023 | Cash | 26,702 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 13-Sep-2028 | Cash | 26,000 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 6-Jul-2023 | Cash | 25,488 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 24,541 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 17-Jul-2023 | Cash | 23,600 | 0.003% |
| Swap | 14-Jun-2023 | Cash | 23,383 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 22,860 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 27-Feb-2023 | Cash | 22,803 | 0.003% |
| Swap | 17-Sep-2020 | Cash | 22,452 | 0.003% |
| Swap | 12-Jul-2023 | Cash | 22,173 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 25-Sep-2028 | Cash | 20,756 | 0.003% |
| CFD | 25-Sep-2028 | Cash | 20,406 | 0.003% |
| Swap | 1-Feb-2023 | Cash | 20,297 | 0.003% |
| Swap | 7-Jul-2023 | Cash | 19,160 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 5-Sep-2019 | Cash | 18,900 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 28-Mar-2019 | Cash | 16,200 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 16,129 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 30-Apr-2019 | Cash | 15,800 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 15,796 | 0.002% |
| CFD | 27-Feb-2023 | Cash | 15,624 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 15-Jun-2023 | Cash | 15,589 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 7-May-2019 | Cash | | 0.002% |

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| | | | 15,465 | |
| CFD | 21-Jul-2028 | Cash | 15,000 | 0.002% |
| CFD | 14-Sep-2028 | Cash | 14,583 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 28-Nov-2018 | Cash | 14,300 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 12-Jun-2023 | Cash | 13,985 | 0.002% |
| CFD | 25-Sep-2028 | Cash | 13,930 | 0.002% |
| CFD | 21-Jan-2028 | Cash | 12,793 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 3-Nov-2021 | Cash | 12,609 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 12,597 | 0.002% |
| CFD | 11-Oct-2028 | Cash | 12,078 | 0.002% |
| Swap | 1-Feb-2023 | Cash | 11,847 | 0.002% |
| CFD | 26-Jun-2019 | Cash | 11,475 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 29-Nov-2018 | Cash | 10,900 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 5-Sep-2019 | Cash | 10,800 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 6-Feb-2019 | Cash | 10,500 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 31-Aug-2028 | Cash | 10,187 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 2-Oct-2019 | Cash | 9,971 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 27-Jan-2028 | Cash | 9,649 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 12-Oct-2023 | Cash | 8,622 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 12-Jun-2023 | Cash | 8,165 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 12-Jul-2028 | Cash | 8,100 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 5-Oct-2028 | Cash | 7,978 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 7,925 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 7,650 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 7,437 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | | 0.001% |

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| | | | 6,834 | |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 6,200 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 6,153 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 5,104 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 15-Dec-2027 | Cash | 5,000 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 12-May-2028 | Cash | 5,000 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 8-Mar-2028 | Cash | 5,000 | 0.001% |
| Call Option | 2-Nov-2018 | Cash | 4,920 | 0.001% |
| Call Option | 31-Oct-2018 | Cash | 4,779 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 4,774 | 0.001% |
| CFD | 6-Sep-2028 | Cash | 4,764 | 0.001% |
| Call Option | 20-Nov-2018 | Cash | 4,049 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 3,941 | 0.001% |
| Swap | 5-Sep-2019 | Cash | 3,900 | 0.0005% |
| CFD | 11-Oct-2028 | Cash | 3,757 | 0.0005% |
| Swap | 3-Nov-2021 | Cash | 3,634 | 0.0005% |
| Call Option | 21-Nov-2018 | Cash | 3,602 | 0.0005% |
| CFD | 25-Apr-2019 | Cash | 3,060 | 0.0004% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 3,050 | 0.0004% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 2,857 | 0.0004% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 2,723 | 0.0003% |
| Swap | 3-Nov-2021 | Cash | 2,556 | 0.0003% |
| CFD | 29-Sep-2028 | Cash | 2,500 | 0.0003% |
| CFD | 27-Jan-2028 | Cash | 2,248 | 0.0003% |
| CFD | 27-Jan-2028 | Cash | 2,247 | 0.0003% |
| Swap | 3-Nov-2021 | Cash | | 0.0003% |

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| | | | 2,214 | |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 2,000 | 0.0003% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 1,900 | 0.0002% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 1,768 | 0.0002% |
| CFD | 6-Sep-2028 | Cash | 1,700 | 0.0002% |
| CFD | 11-Aug-2023 | Cash | 1,574 | 0.0002% |
| CFD | 18-Sep-2028 | Cash | 1,049 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 27-Jan-2028 | Cash | 961 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 7-Sep-2028 | Cash | 800 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 21-Sep-2028 | Cash | 600 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 14-Sep-2028 | Cash | 579 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 31-Aug-2028 | Cash | 545 | 0.0001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 461 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 8-Sep-2028 | Cash | 437 | 0.0001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 419 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 11-Oct-2028 | Cash | 400 | 0.0001% |
| CFD | 28-Sep-2028 | Cash | 396 | 0.0001% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 329 | 0.00004% |
| Swap | 22-May-2020 | Cash | 323 | 0.00004% |
| CFD | 29-Sep-2028 | Cash | 196 | 0.00003% |
| CFD | 8-Sep-2028 | Cash | 128 | 0.00002% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 123 | 0.00002% |
| CFD | 5-Oct-2028 | Cash | 122 | 0.00002% |
| CFD | 4-Oct-2028 | Cash | 100 | 0.00001% |
| CFD | 2-Oct-2028 | Cash | 100 | 0.00001% |
| CFD | 14-Sep-2028 | Cash | | 0.00001% |

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| | | | 100 | |
| CFD | 13-Sep-2028 | Cash | 100 | 0.00001% |
| CFD | 27-Sep-2028 | Cash | 90 | 0.00001% |
| CFD | 6-Oct-2028 | Cash | 82 | 0.00001% |
| CFD | 2-Oct-2028 | Cash | 61 | 0.00001% |
| Total Number of voting rights and percentage of voting rights | | | 28,622,117 | 3.66% |

Additional information: Please note, total amount of voting rights have been rounded to 2 decimal places therefore there is a possibility of a rounding error.

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: 15 October 2018

By: /s/ NATALIE WHITE

 Natalie White
 Deputy Company Secretary