GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC Form 6-K January 27, 2012

FORM 6-K

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For period ending January 2012

GlaxoSmithKline plc (Name of registrant)

980 Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9GS (Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No x

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GlaxoSmithKline plc announces changes to its Board

GlaxoSmithKline plc today announces that at the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2013, following nine years of respective service to the GSK Board, Sir Crispin Davis, Sir Robert Wilson and Mr Larry Culp will not stand for re-election to the Board.

The Board has agreed the following succession arrangements in respect of the Committees on which they serve:

- Mr. Tom de Swaan will succeed Sir Crispin Davis as Chairman of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 1 January 2013. Mr de Swaan has been a member of the Remuneration Committee since May 2009.
- Ms. Judy Lewent will succeed Mr. Tom de Swaan as Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee with effect from 1 January 2013. Ms. Lewent has been a member of the Audit & Risk Committee since April 2011. Mr de Swaan will remain a member of the Audit & Risk Committee following Ms Lewent's appointment.
  - Sir Deryck Maughan will succeed Sir Robert Wilson as Senior Independent Non-Executive Director with effect from the closure of GSK's AGM in 2013.

In addition, Mr. James Murdoch has decided not to stand for re-election to the Board at GSK's AGM in 2012.

Commenting on the changes, Sir Christopher Gent, Chairman of GSK, said:

"These changes represent a proactive set of steps to ready the Board for future changes in its composition as a number of senior, long-standing Directors stand down in 2013. I would like to put on record my thanks to Crispin, Robert and Larry who have served GSK's Board with distinction for many years and I'm sure will continue to do so until their retirement next year."

"In addition, James Murdoch has decided to stand down from the Board with effect from this year's AGM. James has taken this decision to focus on his current duties as Non-executive Chairman of BSkyB, and following his decision to re-locate to the United States, as Chairman and Chief Executive, International, of News Corporation. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank James for the very strong contribution he has made since he was appointed in 2009 and wish him well for the future."

Victoria Whyte
Company Secretary
27 January 2012

Notes:

**GSK Board of Directors:** 

Sir Non-Executive Chairman Christopher

Gent

Sir Andrew Chief Executive Officer

Witty

Chief Financial Officer Simon

Dingemans

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Development

Professor Sir Independent Non-Executive

Director Roy

Anderson

Dr Stephanie Independent Non-Executive

Director **Burns** 

Independent Non-Executive Ms Stacey

Cartwright Director

Mr Lawrence Independent Non-Executive

Director Culp

Sir Crispin Independent Non-Executive

Director Davis

Independent Non-Executive Ms Judy

Lewent Director

Independent Non-Executive Sir Deryck

Director Maughan

Mr James Independent Non-Executive

Murdoch Director

Dr Daniel Independent Non-Executive

**Podolsky** Director

Mr Tom de Independent Non-Executive

Swaan Director

Sir Robert Senior Independent Wilson Non-Executive Director

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#### **SIGNATURES**

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 authorised.

GlaxoSmithKline plc (Registrant)

Date: January 27, 2012

By: VICTORIA WHYTE

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Victoria Whyte Authorised Signatory for and on behalf of GlaxoSmithKline plc