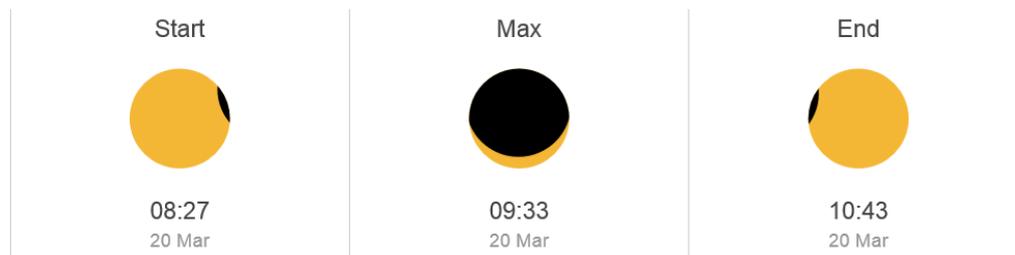


# Plunged Into Darkness After 16 Years

Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough will be plunged into darkness at 9:30 am tomorrow due to the rare partial solar eclipse occurring in the northern hemisphere.



**Timings of the Solar Eclipse in Peterborough**

Ecstatic teachers will be on the school roof ready to film the solar eclipse on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2015. The school of over 2000 students and staff that is usually dependant on the triangular window roof to provide a bright light above, will be almost pitch black.

The solar eclipse will begin just before 8:30am where the moon will touch the sun's edge and will last for just over 2 hours and 15 minutes. The Moon will be closest to the Sun around 9:30 and will leave the sun's edge at 10:30am. Peterborough will get to witness partial solar eclipse and another eclipse will not occur until 2026.

Teachers include the Head of Science College, Dr Kirk and the Junior College Head Teacher Mr Martin will be organising to film the solar eclipse from the TDA's rooftop.

## How To Stay Safe During A Solar Eclipse

1. Never look directly into the Sun including using binoculars and telescopes as you could go blind
2. Use special eclipse viewing glasses

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