

**Pick of the day**



The Impression Show with Culshaw and Stephenson 9.45pm BBC1

**Arena**

9PM BBC4

Adam Low's 2005 portrait of Francis Bacon, winner of an international Emmy and widely regarded as definitive, begins a night of programmes dedicated to the painter. It culminates in the biopic 'Love Is the Devil', with Derek Jacobi.

**The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson**

9.45PM BBC1

Former 'Bad Girls' actor



The Thick of It 10.10pm BBC2

Debra Stephenson reveals a new talent, alongside George W Bush specialist Jon Culshaw. Simon Cowell, 'The X Factor' and 'The Apprentice' are the sort of telly fodder in its sights.

**Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Dannii Minogue**

9.45PM ITV1

The 'X Factor' mentor and judge gets another chance to trot out her lame excuse for "outing" contestant Danyl Johnson as she reviews her life and career with the erstwhile red top editor.

**The Thick of It**

10.10PM BBC2

Rebecca Front is a very welcome edition to Armando Iannucci's political sitcom as the new Secretary of State, but there's no getting away from the suspicion that it relies heavily on Peter Capaldi's Malcolm Tucker and his foul-mouthed rants. And if Nicola has "a face like Dot Cotton

licking piss off a nettle" (the episode's top Tuckerism) it's because an immigration database has gone missing.

**Wonderland: the Ghostman of Skye**

10.40PM BBC2

A decidedly eerie Hallowe'en documentary about the legions of ghost sightings on the Isle of Skye, including a much observed haunted car. These reports come from some of the island's most reliable and respected figures.

GERARD GILBERT



Arena 9pm BBC4

