

PICK OF THE DAY

The Genius Of Turner: Painting The Industrial Revolution

9PM, BBC2 ★★★★★

This illuminating one-off documentary takes a fresh look at Joseph Mallord William Turner, the great painter best known for his glorious romantic landscapes. There was another side to his work, in which he bore witness to an age of dramatic change, of science, progress and industrialisation. A new world was being forged in his time, and Turner's paintings vividly convey the drama of the age – a time when science and the arts interacted as never before or since. Refreshingly, this is a documentary without an on-screen presenter pretending to be on 'a journey of discovery'.



Iceland: Ash Cloud Apocalypse

8PM, CH5 ★★★★★

This sensationally titled documentary presents the latest scientific research from the extremely volcanic island of Iceland. It traces past eruptions and their dramatic effects on Europe and beyond – and, more worryingly, assesses the impact of possible future volcanic activity.

The Ice Cream Girls

9PM, ITV ★★★★★

'Is everything all right?' asks Serena's worried mum – as well she might; all is most definitely not right with her increasingly paranoid daughter. Even that wooden husband of hers has noticed. As Poppy finds an ally – or is he? – and sets out to expose the truth, Serena decides that she must confront her nemesis.

Ben Earl: Trick Artist

9PM, CH4 ★★★★★

This is the first of four shows in which talented young sleight-of-hand artist Ben Earl shows off his skills. The theme this week is crime, and Ben bamboozles ex-convicts inside a prison, attempts to catch a speeding bullet, and, in the course of an elaborate card trick, leaps from one speeding car to another. Pretty impressive. **NA**

RISING STARS: Did Bafta get it right?

Bafta has dished out eight Rising Star awards (they're voted for entirely by the public) since the category's inception in 2006. In 2009, it went to Noel Clarke (inset) (Storage 24, 10pm, Sky Premiere), a popular actor, writer and director, best known for his roles in *Doctor Who* and the films *Kidulthood* and *Adulthood*. Here are some more recipients

