

## **The Tuition Conundrum**

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THERE is a common consensus on the ground that having tuition makes a significant difference to a student's academic performance in a landscape that places emphasis on antiquated forms of rote learning.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) should be cognisant of the fact that students from less-privileged or poorer households would definitely be disadvantaged in this supposedly level playing field.

Given the fact that tuition is here to stay, there should be increased guidelines and measures to ensure the basic qualifications and abilities of individuals who are offering tuition services.

Tuition centres, given the need to protect their reputations and maintain a steady stream of students, would definitely ensure that their employees hold the appropriate qualifications. However, private tutors may offer their services despite a lack of exposure and knowledge. So it is imperative that the MOE releases guidelines to advise parents on making wiser selections.