

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The United Kingdom. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing that — it's great that you're thinking ahead about your future. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends around age 16 with **Folkeskole** and possibly the **9th or 10th grade**), you're now choosing your **upper secondary education** path.

Here's a breakdown of your main options in Denmark, along with suggestions based on your background:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for university. There are a few types:

✓ STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects (humanities, social sciences, natural sciences).
- Great if you're unsure and want to keep doors open.
- Good fit if you enjoy languages, science, or want to go to university later.

✓ HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing.
- Good fit if you're interested in business or finance.

✓ HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Science, technology, IT.
- Good if you enjoy STEM subjects (e.g., math, physics, coding).

✓ HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years instead of 3).
- Good if you want a university option but prefer a less theoretical approach.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training – VET/EUD)

- Combines school and paid apprenticeships.

- Prepares you for skilled trades (plumber, electrician, chef, etc.).
- Takes 3–5 years depending on the field.
- You can later take supplementary courses (EUX) if you want the option to go to university too.

3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Combo

- Combines EUD and the academic subjects from Gymnasium.
- Gives you both a skilled trade and eligibility for university.
- Ideal if you're hands-on but still want higher education options.

Bonus Advantage for You:

Since you're bilingual (Danish + English) and have UK roots, you have a strong edge in:

- **International studies (IB, STX with language focus)**
- **Careers involving international business, translation, tourism, or diplomacy**
- **Possibly studying or working in the UK in the future**

Recommendation Based on Your Situation:

If you're **academically inclined** and want to keep your **university options open**:

- **STX** is a strong, flexible choice.
- Choose a study line that fits your interests (language, science, social science, etc.)

If you enjoy **practical work**, but still want the possibility of going to university:

- **EUX** is a solid middle-ground.
- You'll get a trade **and** a general upper secondary qualification.

If you already have a specific career interest (e.g., electrician, designer, cook):

- Go straight into **EUD** and focus on becoming skilled in that trade.

Final Thoughts:

You're in a great position with fluency in Danish, English, and a multicultural background. If you're not sure yet, it's completely okay — many students try different paths. You can always **switch after a year** or even take a **10th-grade year** if you want a bit more time.

Would you like help deciding between STX, EUX, etc. based on your personal interests or strengths?