ChatGPT

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Belgium. 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?

That's a great place to be—right on the edge of starting something new. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually means *folkeskole*), your next step is likely to be **upper secondary education**, and in Denmark, you have several good options depending on your interests, academic strengths, and future goals.

Here are the main paths you might consider:

🎓 1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX) – Academic Upper Secondary Education

These are 3-year programs that prepare you for university. Each has a different focus:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** General upper secondary education. Good if you're interested in humanities, science, or social sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and language. Great if you're business-minded or thinking about international careers.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Emphasis on science and technology. Ideal if you like math, IT, or engineering.

🟢 *Best for you if you want to keep your options open for university or higher education.*

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

This is a mix of school and apprenticeship in a company. It prepares you for a job right away.
You can become:

- A carpenter, electrician, chef, mechanic, health care worker, etc.
- Many programs also allow you to take a **eux** track, which combines vocational training with general upper secondary education, letting you still go to university later.

🟢 *Great if you prefer hands-on work and want to earn money while studying.*

🎭 3. Specialised Schools (e.g., Arts, Sports, etc.)

If you have a talent or passion (music, design, sports), there are specialized programs or *efterskoler* that could fit.

- **Efterskole**: Optional 1-year school with a focus like arts, sports, outdoor life, etc. Often taken around 9th or 10th grade, but can also serve as a transition year if you want to mature socially or improve academically before upper secondary.

🟢 *Useful if you're not sure what to study yet or want to explore a passion for a year.*

🌍 Other Considerations

- You're fluent in Danish and from a Belgian family—this could be an advantage in international settings. Consider **bilingual education** or **international programs** (e.g., International Baccalaureate (IB)).

- Your EU background makes studying abroad (in Belgium or elsewhere) easier later on if you choose.

🔍 How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic learning and want to go to university? → **STX/HHX/HTX**

- Do I want to start working soon or learn by doing? → **VET or eux**

- Am I unsure and want a gap year to find my path? → **Efterskole**

- Do I have a strong interest or talent in something specific? → **Specialised or creative schools**

If you tell me a bit more about your interests (e.g., subjects you like, dream job ideas, or if you prefer theory vs practice), I can help narrow it down even more.