ChatGPT

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Estonia. 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 a bit about yourself! Since you're 16, just finished primary school (which in Denmark typically means **9th or 10th grade**), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several strong options ahead of you depending on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn. Here's a breakdown of the most common **educational paths after primary school in Denmark**, along with guidance on how to choose:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary School – Academic Track)

These programs prepare you for higher education (university or other further studies).

Main types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic education; broad subjects (humanities, sciences, languages).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international studies.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter 2-year academic program, more practical and flexible (often for students a bit older or who want a shorter academic route).

✅ Good choice if:

- You enjoy theoretical subjects.
- You want to go to university.
- You're curious and motivated by deeper academic learning.

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

These prepare you for a specific job or trade and combine school with apprenticeship (praktik).

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, IT-supporter, healthcare assistant.

✅ Good choice if:

- You want to work sooner and like hands-on learning.
- You're interested in a skilled trade.

- You enjoy practical experiences and earning money during training.

*You can still continue to further education later if you want (e.g., via **EUX** – a combo of VET + academic subjects).*

💼 3. EUX – Hybrid Option

Combines vocational training **and** academic studies. You get both a trade and a pathway to university.
✅ Good choice if:

- You're ambitious and want the best of both worlds.
- You want job skills and also the option to go to university.

🧭 How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I want to study longer and maybe go to university? → **STX, HHX, HTX, or HF**
- Do I want to get into the job market faster? → **VET or EUX**
- What subjects do I enjoy the most?
- Do I prefer theory or practice?
- Would I enjoy working with people, technology, business, etc.?

🇪🇪 Bonus: Estonian Background

Since your family is from Estonia, you might:

- Consider **learning Estonian professionally** (if you haven't already). That could give you unique career opportunities in translation, international business, or diplomacy.
- Use your **bilingual background** as an advantage in any global career path.

🔍 What I Suggest (Based on What You Shared)

You've finished primary school in Denmark and are fluent in Danish – so **you can choose any path**. If you enjoy academic subjects and want to keep options open, **STX or HHX** might be best. If you like more practical, job-ready education, **EUX** or a **vocational path** could suit you well.

Would you like help deciding based on your favorite subjects, hobbies, or career dreams? Feel free to share!