Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Jamaica. 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 great to hear — being fluent in Danish and having a multicultural background gives you strong advantages in both communication and perspective. Since you just finished primary school (which in Denmark includes **Folkeskole up to 9th grade**), you're at the point where most students choose one of several educational paths. Here's a clear overview with advice tailored to your situation and age:

🎓 Main Options After Folkeskole (9th grade)

1. **Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic)**
   Great if you're interested in going to university later.

   - **STX (Alment gymnasium)** – Broad academic subjects: good if you're interested in humanities, science, or social science.

   - **HHX (Higher Commercial Exam)** – Focus on business, economics, and international topics.

   - **HTX (Higher Technical Exam)** – Science and technology focus. Great if you like STEM (science, tech, engineering, math).

   - **HF (Higher Prep Exam)** – Shorter (2 years), often more practical, for students who want a bit more flexibility.

   💡 *Choose this route if*:
   You enjoy academic subjects, want to keep many doors open, or are considering university in the future.

2. **Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)**
   A hands-on path leading to a trade or profession.

   - Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, social and health care assistant (SOSU), hairdresser, etc.

   - Combines school with real-world apprenticeships (praktik).

   - Usually 3–4 years, and can lead to well-paying jobs.

   💡 *Choose this if*:
   You want to learn a profession and start earning earlier, or if you prefer learning by doing rather than studying only books.

3. **Kombineret ungdomsuddannelse (KUU) or EGU**
   For students who want a more flexible, personalized program — especially if you're unsure about your future path or need more support.

💡 *Good if*:
You want to try different things before committing to a full program.

What to Think About:

- **What are your interests?**
  Like tech, people, business, helping others, creativity?

- **Do you like school and academic work, or are you more hands-on?**

- **What are your future goals?**
  University, starting a career early, starting your own business?

Example Paths Based on Interests:

Interest	Recommended Path
Science, Tech, Engineering	HTX or VET (e.g., IT-supporter)
Business & Economics	HHX or business-related VET
Creative Arts or Languages	STX or HF
Helping People (health, care)	HF (with SOSU focus) or direct to VET (SOSU)
Starting Work Early	VET
Still Unsure	STX or HF (broad and flexible), or talk to an *ungdomsvejleder* (youth education counselor)

Tip:

Denmark has **"ungdommens uddannelsesvejledning (UU)"** — youth education guidance centers. They can give you personal help and show you open houses at schools near you. It's free and very helpful.

Would you like me to suggest some specific schools or programs near where you live in Denmark? Or do you want help exploring specific careers you're interested in?