ChatGPT

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Equatorial Guinea. 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! It's great that you're thinking seriously about your future already. In Denmark, you have several educational paths after finishing primary school (folkeskole), and the best option for you depends on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Here's an overview of your main options after 9th or 10th grade:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – academic path)

If you're interested in continuing to university later, this is a good choice. There are several types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**: Broad academic focus – ideal if you like subjects like history, languages, sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)**: Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)**: Focus on technology, natural sciences, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)**: Shorter (2 years) – good if you prefer a more practical and flexible academic path.

Best for you if:
You like school subjects and want to keep your university options open.

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This is a hands-on education where you both study and work (praktik). You can train to become, for example:

- Carpenter, electrician, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, etc.
- Also includes **EUX**, which combines vocational training with a studentereksamen – so you can work OR go to university later.

Best for you if:
You like learning by doing, want to work sooner, or want a more practical path.

🧠 3. 10th Grade (10. klasse)

If you feel unsure or want to improve your skills before choosing, you can take an extra year in 10th grade. You can do this in:

- A regular 10th grade in folkeskole or an **efterskole** (boarding school with focus on personal development, sports, arts, etc.).

Best for you if:
You need more time to decide, want to boost your grades, or try a different learning environment.

🧑‍🎓 Considering your background

Being fluent in Danish and having a multicultural background can be a big advantage, especially in areas like:

- **International business** (HHX)
- **Healthcare or education** (STX or HF followed by further studies)
- **Tech and engineering** (HTX or EUD+EUX)

🧭 Tips to help you decide:

- Think about **what subjects you enjoy** most in school.
- Consider if you like **theory or practical work** more.
- Talk to a **guidance counselor** (UU-vejleder) – they can help you choose based on your interests.
- Try **open house events** (Åbent hus) at gymnasiums or vocational schools.

✅ My suggestion (based on your age and language skills):

If you enjoy academic work and are considering a university in the future, I'd recommend **STX or HHX**. If you're more hands-on and want to start working sooner, **EUX** is a powerful combo of both worlds.

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs in your area? Or maybe want help figuring out your interests more clearly?