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?

Thanks for sharing your background—it's great that you're thinking carefully about your next steps. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)** at around age 16, you have several educational paths to choose from depending on your interests, academic strengths, and career goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main options, along with some guidance to help you decide:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Focus)

These are academically oriented and typically take 3 years. They're great if you think you might want to go to university later.

Most common types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary. Broad range of subjects (humanities, science, social studies).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year program, more practical and shorter, often used by students who want to go into health, education, or social work.

✅ *Recommended if*:
You enjoy academic subjects and may want to go to university later. For example:

- STX if you're unsure or want a broad education.
- HTX if you're into science/tech.
- HHX if you're interested in business or finance.

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

These combine school and practical work experience (apprenticeship) and usually take 3-4 years.

You can train to become:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser

- Chef
- Healthcare assistant
- And many more!

✅ *Recommended if*:
You enjoy hands-on work and want to start working earlier or enter a skilled trade. You still have the option to continue studying later (e.g., via *eux*, which combines VET with upper secondary education).

🌍 3. EUX (Kombineret Erhvervsuddannelse og Gymnasial Eksamen)

This is a hybrid path where you get both a **vocational qualification** and a **gymnasial degree**.

✅ *Recommended if*:
You're interested in working in a trade *and* want the option to attend university later.

🧠 4. IB (International Baccalaureate)

Offered at some Danish schools. It's an international upper secondary program taught in English.

✅ *Recommended if*:
You're considering studying or working internationally or in Belgium. It might also connect well with your Belgian background.

🔍 So, what should *you* do?

Think about these questions:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects and classroom learning?
- Do you prefer hands-on, practical work?
- Are you already thinking about a specific career (like doctor, engineer, chef, mechanic, teacher)?
- Do you want to go to university later, or start working sooner?

✨ Example Pathways

If you're unsure and want flexibility:

- STX or EUX → University or professional career later

If you like working with your hands or want a job sooner:

- Vocational training → Job as a skilled worker

If you want a business career:

- HHX → Business school or start your own company

If you're into science or tech:

- HTX or EUX tech → Engineering or tech studies

Let me know a bit more about your interests (what subjects you like, what careers you've thought about), and I can give you a more personalized recommendation.