ChatGPT

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Burundi. 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 — that's really helpful. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark, you're at a natural transition point in the Danish education system. Based on your situation, here are your main options, along with some thoughts to help you decide:

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

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

This path prepares you for university and usually lasts 3 years.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen)**: Focuses on humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Good if you're not sure yet what you want to study later.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)**: Focus on business, economics, and international relations. Good if you're into commerce, entrepreneurship, or want to start a business one day.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)**: Focus on technology, natural science, and innovation. Great for those interested in IT, engineering, or technical sciences.

✅ **Recommended if** you enjoy school subjects and want to go to university later.

2. EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse) – Vocational Education and Training

Combines school and paid internships. Prepares you to go straight into a skilled profession (like carpenter, electrician, social care, hairdresser, etc.).

✅ **Recommended if** you want hands-on experience, get paid during training, and start working sooner. Also a good fit if you prefer practical over theoretical learning.

3. EUX – Combination of Vocational and Academic Path

This is a strong hybrid path: you get both a vocational education **and** a studentereksamen level, meaning you can work or go to university afterwards.

✅ **Recommended if** you want options: both practical skills and the possibility of further academic study.

4. 10th Grade (10. klasse)

Some students take a 10th school year to improve their grades, mature, or explore more options.

✅ **Recommended if** you're unsure, need a bit more time, or want to improve your academic foundation before choosing the next step.

🧭 Things to Consider When Choosing

- **What are your interests?**
  - Are you more into people, tech, design, business, nature, or something else?
- **Do you enjoy school subjects and exams?**
  - If yes, gymnasium might be the right fit.
  - If not, a vocational path could be better.
- **Do you have role models (in your family or community)?**
  - Talking to older siblings, friends, or others who've gone through these systems can help a lot.
- **Do you see yourself working soon or studying longer?**

🌱 Personal Note

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and have roots in Burundi, you might have a valuable multicultural perspective. That can be a great strength, especially in fields like:

- **International business (HHX)**
- **Social work or healthcare (EUD/EUX)**
- **Engineering/technology (HTX/EUX)**

If you tell me a bit more about what you enjoy (subjects, hobbies, dreams), I can give more targeted advice — including concrete school/program suggestions.

Would you like to explore specific careers or hear about examples of people who chose different paths in Denmark?