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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Netherlands. 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! You're at a key point in your life, and it's great that you're thinking carefully about your next steps. Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and have just finished primary/lower secondary school in Denmark (likely **9th or 10th grade**), your next step will depend on your interests, goals, and whether you lean more toward academic or practical learning.

Here's an overview of the **main educational options available in Denmark after primary school**, along with some tailored recommendations:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Track)

These programs are for you if you enjoy school subjects like languages, math, history, or science and are considering university later.

Options include:

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad and academic – includes humanities, sciences, and social studies. Good if you're unsure what to study later.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, marketing – good for careers in business or international work.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Science, tech, IT, and engineering focused.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter (2 years), more direct route to university – good if you prefer a slightly less academic environment.

Recommended if:

You think you might want to go to university, study internationally, or work in fields like business, law, engineering, science, or social sciences.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This is a great path if you're more practical and want to learn a trade or profession (e.g. electrician, mechanic, chef, hairdresser, IT supporter). It combines school and apprenticeship (praktikplads).

EUX is a hybrid version that combines vocational training with an upper secondary education, so you keep the door open for university.

Recommended if:

You want to start working sooner, prefer hands-on learning, or are interested in skilled trades – and

especially if you're practical and want real-world experience.

Other options to consider:

- **Efterskole (if you haven't done it yet):** A one-year residential school experience that many Danes do after 9th or 10th grade – good for personal development and figuring things out.
 - **International programs:** You could explore international schools, such as the **IB (International Baccalaureate)** if you're thinking globally or want to study abroad later. Some Danish gymnasiums offer this.
 - **Exchange year:** Some students take a year abroad before gymnasium – gives you life experience and language skills.
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How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy school subjects, or prefer hands-on work?
 - Am I thinking about university or starting a career earlier?
 - Do I want to keep my options open internationally (with Dutch roots and possibly English proficiency)?
 - Am I more into people, business, tech, health, or creative work?
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A Possible Path Based on What You've Said

Since you're fluent in Danish, grew up in Denmark, and have Dutch roots, **HHX** or **IB** could be great if you're curious about business, international culture, or global opportunities. If you're more technical or science-minded, **HTX** is excellent.

But if you're unsure, **STX** is the most general and flexible path – perfect for keeping all options open until you know more.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests (e.g. science, business, arts, helping people)? I'd be happy to help with that too.