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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ethiopia. 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 that — it sounds like you're at a really important and exciting point in your life. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)**, you have several options depending on your interests, academic level, and career goals.

Let me walk you through the main options and give some tailored advice based on your background and situation:

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

This path prepares you for university and is ideal if you enjoy academic subjects and are considering higher education.

Types of Gymnasium:

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium):** Focus on general education – good if you're unsure what to study later.
- **HHX (Handelsskole):** Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium):** Focus on science, technology, and innovation.

✅ Good fit if:

- You like school subjects (math, science, languages, etc.)
- You want to go to university in the future
- You enjoy studying and want broader career options later

🔧 2. EUD/Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training)

This is a more practical, hands-on education leading to a job like electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, social and health worker, etc.

✅ Good fit if:

- You prefer learning by doing
- You want to start working earlier (but can also continue with more education later)
- You like specific trades or care-related jobs

📌 You can combine this with the **EUX** program if you want both a vocational education and the option to go to university.

3. Other specialized options

- **IB (International Baccalaureate):** International academic program, in English.
- **Efterskole:** A one-year boarding school experience — often popular with students after 9th or 10th grade. Good for personal development, social life, and discovering interests.

What might be best for you?

Based on your age, language skills, and situation:

If you're interested in university later and enjoy academic work:

→ **STX or HHX** would be a strong, flexible path.

If you're more interested in practical work or want to start a career earlier:

→ **EUD or EUX** could be a great choice — and EUX keeps your university door open.

If you want time to figure things out, build confidence, or explore your identity:

→ A year at an **efterskole** could be extremely valuable, especially with a focus on creativity, sports, or global citizenship.

Tip for students with multicultural backgrounds

Many Danish-Ethiopian youth find it helpful to choose a path that builds both strong professional skills and flexibility. For example:

- **HHX** can open doors in international business or entrepreneurship (which is popular in many immigrant communities).
- **EUX** allows you to gain practical skills while keeping the option of university open.

My advice:

1. **Talk to a school counselor** (studievejleder) — they can give you personalized guidance and info on local schools.
2. Think about what you enjoy doing **most during the school day** — that's a good clue.
3. If unsure, consider trying **10th grade** or an **efterskole** to give yourself a year to explore.

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs near where you live in Denmark?