

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Barbados. 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?

That's great that you're considering your next steps early—planning ahead gives you a real advantage. Since you're in Denmark, just finished primary school, and you're fluent in Danish, you're at a key point where you can choose between several educational paths depending on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn.

Here's a breakdown of your main options in Denmark after primary school (folkeskole):

1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

This is a strong choice if you enjoy academic subjects and might want to go to university later.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** General high school with a mix of humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Good if you're not sure yet what to specialize in.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focuses on business, economics, and international topics.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focuses on technology, science, and innovation. Great if you like STEM subjects.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter (2 years), more flexible. Good if you want a faster route to higher education or if you need a break from traditional school structures.

✓ **Best for:** Students who want to go to university, explore academic interests, or keep options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

If you prefer practical work or want to start earning sooner, a vocational path could be right for you.

- Combines school with apprenticeships (praktik).
- You learn a trade (e.g. electrician, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, etc.).
- You can still pursue further education later (like **EUX** which combines vocational training with academic courses so you can access university later too).

✓ **Best for:** Students who want hands-on work, a clear career path, or who aren't as interested in purely academic studies.

3. EUX – Combined Vocational and Academic Path

- Mix of vocational training + academic education.
- Takes a bit longer but opens doors to both the job market and university.

✅ **Best for:** Students who want both practical skills and the option to continue studying at a higher level.

Extra Consideration: Your Background

Your Barbadian roots might give you an edge in language learning, cultural understanding, or interest in international topics. If you're interested in international work, languages, or global issues, **HHX** or **STX with a language/social sciences focus** could be especially good for you.

What to Think About

Ask yourself:

- Do I like school and academic subjects?
 - Do I want to go to university later?
 - Do I prefer practical learning and working with my hands?
 - What subjects or activities do I enjoy most?
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Suggestion Based on What You Told Me

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, but with an international background, **STX** or **HHX** could be a great start, especially if you're still figuring out your long-term career goals. They give you flexibility, and you can pivot later if you change your mind.

But if you're more practically oriented and want to get into a trade or earn money sooner, **EUD** or **EUX** might suit you better.

If you want, I can help you explore specific programs near you, or suggest schools based on your interests. Would you like that?