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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Eswatini. 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 helps a lot. Since you're 16 and just finished **primary school** (which in Denmark typically ends earlier), I'm assuming you mean you've just finished **Folkeskole** (9th or 10th grade)? If that's right, you're now at a key decision point in the Danish education system. You've got a few different paths ahead, and the best choice depends on your interests, goals, and whether you're aiming for university, a career sooner, or something more hands-on.

Here are your main options in Denmark:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2-3 year academic programs that prepare you for higher education (university). Choose this if you're considering studying at university in the future.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – broadest option; strong in humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – focused on business, economics, marketing, and international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – technical and science-focused, ideal if you're into engineering, IT, biotech, etc.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – shorter (2 years), more flexible; good if you didn't do 10th grade or want to focus on specific subjects.

● **Best for you if:** You're academic, want to go to university, or are unsure but want to keep options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training / VET)

These are practical, hands-on programs that combine school and paid apprenticeships. You can become a mechanic, electrician, chef, hairdresser, social worker, IT-supporter, etc.

- Takes 3-5 years depending on the program.
- You earn a salary during your apprenticeship.
- You can also do a **EUX** – a version of vocational training that also gives you a high school diploma (so you can go to university too).

● **Best for you if:** You like practical work, want to enter the workforce earlier, or want to earn money while studying.

3. 10. klasse (Optional extra year of primary school)

If you're unsure what you want to do next or feel like you need more time or maturity, this could be a good transition year. You can attend a **10th-grade school**, **efterskole**, or **boarding school**.

● **Best for you if:** You're not ready for gymnasium or vocational school yet and want to develop personally or academically.

A few things to consider:

◆ Your strengths and interests:

- Do you enjoy school subjects like science, history, math, or languages? → **Gymnasium**
- Do you prefer working with your hands or solving real-world problems? → **Vocational**
- Are you interested in business or economics? → **HHX or Business-focused VET**

◆ Your long-term goals:

- Do you want to go to university someday?
- Do you want to get a job and start earning sooner?
- Are you passionate about a specific career (e.g., IT, healthcare, hospitality)?

◆ Your cultural background:

Being from an Eswatini background while growing up in Denmark gives you a rich dual identity. If you're interested, you might even consider international programs, bilingual education, or careers that involve language, travel, or intercultural communication.

Would you like help choosing between specific schools or programs in your local area? Or maybe you're interested in a particular career field and want help mapping a path to it? Let me know, and I can give more personalized guidance.