

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Indonesia. 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 — that helps a lot in giving a meaningful answer. Since you're 16, finished primary school (likely "folkeskole" in Denmark), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several strong options ahead of you.

In Denmark, after folkeskole, students typically choose between **academic**, **vocational**, or **alternative** paths depending on their interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Pathways)

This is the path if you're interested in university in the future. These programs typically last 3 years and include:

### • STX (Studentereksamen) – General upper secondary school

- Broadest education (science, humanities, social sciences)
- Good for university preparation
- Ideal if you're still exploring interests

### • HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)

- Focuses on business, economics, and languages
- Great for careers in business or international work

### • HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)

- Focus on science, tech, and engineering
- Good if you like IT, biology, chemistry, or technical design

### • HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme)

- Shorter (2 years)
- More practice-oriented
- Suitable if you're a bit unsure or want a gentler academic program

👉 **Recommended if:** You enjoy academic subjects, want to keep university open as an option, and are curious about a range of topics.

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## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

If you're more hands-on, practical, and want to work sooner (or do an apprenticeship), consider a VET program.

You can become a:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Chef
- Hairdresser
- IT supporter
- Healthcare assistant

Some VET programs can also lead to further education, especially if you combine them with **eux** (which includes both vocational training and academic subjects).

👉 **Recommended if:** You like learning by doing, want job skills sooner, or are interested in trades or services.

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## 3. Other Options

### • Efterskole or Højskole

- Optional "gap year" experiences (1-year residential schools with a focus on personal development, arts, sports, or global citizenship)
- A great way to mature, meet new people, and explore interests

### • International Baccalaureate (IB)

- If you're interested in an international career or university abroad
  - Taught in English
  - Demanding but globally recognized
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## What Should Guide Your Choice?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic work (reading, writing, exams)?
- Do I like practical/hands-on work?

- Am I more interested in people, tech, nature, business, or creative arts?
  - Do I think I might want to go to university later?
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## ★ Suggestions Based on Your Background

- Being bilingual (Danish + Indonesian) is a huge asset — consider paths where language or international skills are useful (e.g., HHX, IB, or diplomacy-related fields).
  - If you're not sure yet, **STX or HF** gives you time to explore.
  - If you're eager to start working or do something hands-on, look into **VET with EUX**, so you don't close any doors.
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If you tell me a bit more about:

- What subjects you like/dislike
- Whether you want to go to university
- Any dream job or area of interest

...I can give you a more tailored recommendation.