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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?

Great to hear that you're thinking carefully about your next step—this is an important time to explore your interests and build your future.

Since you've just finished **primary school in Denmark** and you're **16 years old**, you're likely entering the phase where you choose between different **youth education pathways**, typically:

♦ Your Main Options in Denmark After Primary School

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're academically inclined or unsure about a specific profession, this might be a strong option. These programs prepare you for higher education (university or other advanced studies):

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic high school with broad subjects.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Emphasis on technology, natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – A shorter 2-year program, more practical, for students who want quicker access to higher education.

Good if you:

- Like academic learning
- Want to go to university later
- Are still exploring your career options

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These programs combine school with apprenticeship in a company. You learn a trade and often get a job right after.

Examples of vocations:

- Carpenter, Electrician, Mechanic
- Hairdresser, Chef
- IT Supporter, Web Developer

Good if you:

- Prefer hands-on learning
- Want to start working earlier
- Are interested in a specific profession

3. Kombineret Ungdomsuddannelse (KUU) / Produktionsskole

These are special education programs for students who may need a different learning environment, or are unsure about their path and need more time to prepare.

♦ How to Choose?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

- Do you enjoy **theoretical subjects** like languages, science, math, history?
- Or do you enjoy **practical, hands-on work**?
- Are you interested in **starting a job soon**, or would you prefer to **continue studying** for a while?
- Any **career ideas** you've already considered?

♦ Personal Recommendation (based on your info):

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and just finished primary school at 16 (slightly older than typical, which is fine), you might benefit from a **general upper secondary education (STX or HF)** unless you're already sure about a trade you love.

Option A: STX or HHX

Good if you're academically interested, enjoy learning about society, history, languages, or business. These give you access to university studies in Denmark or the Netherlands later.

Option B: Vocational education (EUD)

Ideal if you already know you want to be a chef, mechanic, IT technician, etc. You'll work and earn earlier and still have options for further education later (e.g., through **EUX** – a mix of vocational and academic training).

♦ Bonus Tip: Consider International Opportunities

Because you have Dutch heritage, you could also explore:

- Exchange programs with the Netherlands
- University studies there later (Dutch universities offer many English-taught degrees)

If you'd like, I can help you build a comparison chart or find specific schools in your area. Would you like help with that?