

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



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

Thank you for sharing — you're in a good position, and it's great that you're thinking carefully about your next steps. Since you just finished primary school (which in Denmark typically means *folkeskole* up to 9th or 10th grade), you now have several options depending on your interests, ambitions, and strengths. I'll outline a few common paths in Denmark, and then we can narrow it down based on what you feel fits you:

## 1 Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education / High School equivalents)

These programs prepare you for higher education later on:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** — General upper secondary education. Good if you're interested in academic subjects (languages, social studies, science, etc.)
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** — Focus on business, economics, marketing. Ideal if you think you might like working in business or management.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** — Focus on science, technology, IT, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** — Shorter (2-year) program, a bit more practical, and also leads to higher education options.

💡 **Good fit if:** you're aiming for university or want to keep many options open.

## 2 Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

You combine school with apprenticeships and get trained for a specific job, e.g. carpenter, mechanic, hairdresser, healthcare worker, chef, electrician, etc.

💡 **Good fit if:** you want to start working sooner and prefer hands-on learning.

## 3 International options

With your Cuban background and being bilingual, international programs like the **International Baccalaureate (IB)** could also be an option. It's more global, taught in English, and recognized worldwide.

💡 **Good fit if:** you're considering studying or working abroad later or want to build strong language and international skills.

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### Factors to think about:

- Do you enjoy theoretical or practical learning?
  - Do you have subjects you really enjoy (science, business, art, languages, etc.)?
  - Do you want to study more after upper secondary school, or start working sooner?
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👉 If you tell me a bit more about your interests (what you enjoy studying, any dream jobs, hobbies, etc.), I can give you a much more specific recommendation.

Shall we?