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> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from China. 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 your background — it really helps shape the best advice for your next steps.

Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which ends around 9th or 10th grade), you're now at a key transition point in the Danish education system. Here are your main options and how to think about them based on your goals, interests, and strengths:

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (sciences, humanities, languages). Great if you're still exploring or want many options later.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Good if you're interested in commerce, entrepreneurship, or working in companies.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, and engineering. Ideal if you like tech, math, or innovation.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2-year) general program, often for those who want to start working or study specific professions sooner.

These are best if:

- You want to go to university later
- You like theoretical subjects or a mix of academic work and group projects
- You're not sure what job you want yet, but want to keep your options open

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2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, VET)

Combines school and practical training. You'll be partly in a company (like an apprentice) and partly in school.

- Great for learning a trade: electrician, chef, mechanic, IT support, healthcare assistant, etc.

- Can lead directly to a job or further education (like the EUX program, which combines VET with qualifications to enter university).

These are best if:

- You enjoy hands-on learning more than theory
- You want to start working earlier
- You already know what kind of job or career you're interested in

🕙 How to Decide

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic schoolwork, or prefer more practical learning?
- Do I have a career or field I'm interested in (e.g. business, science, tech, art)?
- Am I thinking about going to university in the future?
- Do I want to explore international opportunities, including possibly studying or working in China someday?

🇨🇳 Bonus Thought: Your Chinese Background

Since your parents are from China, you may have a unique advantage:

- **Languages**: If you speak Mandarin or want to learn, that could open up international business or diplomatic roles.
- **Culture**: Understanding both Danish and Chinese cultures can make you valuable in global companies or startups.
- **Study Abroad**: You might consider studying or doing an exchange in China later, especially if you're interested in international business, politics, or technology.

✅ Recommendation (Based on What You Shared)

Since you just finished primary school, are fluent in Danish, and didn't mention a specific job goal yet, **I would recommend starting with STX or HHX**, unless you already know you prefer practical work. These programs:

- Keep your options open
- Prepare you for university or professional schools
- Let you explore a range of subjects (languages, science, social science, etc.)

If you're more hands-on and like working in real-world settings early, you could consider an **EUX** path – it gives both vocational skills and access to university.

Would you like help narrowing down based on your interests (like tech, art, business, etc.)? I can help guide you more specifically if you tell me what subjects or hobbies you enjoy most.