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

That's a great point in life to pause and think carefully about your next steps—well done for doing that!

In Denmark, after primary school ("folkeskole"), you have several educational options depending on your interests, strengths, and what kind of future you envision for yourself. Here's an overview of the main options and some guidance tailored to your background and goals:

Your Danish Options After Primary School

At 16, you're likely finishing 9th or 10th grade. Your next step usually falls into one of these categories:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2–3 year programs that prepare you for university. You'll typically choose one of these:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Focused on humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international studies.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and IT.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – A more practical/general path, often 2 years.

Recommendation if:

- You want to go to university.
- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You want to keep your options open.

 **If you're interested in international careers or studies, HHX or STX with language and social science focus might be ideal.**

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This path prepares you for a specific trade or job (e.g., electrician, chef, carpenter, healthcare worker). Usually 3–4 years, mixing school and paid apprenticeship.

Recommendation if:

- You like hands-on work.
- You want to start working relatively soon.
- You're not very interested in university.

3. International or Private Options

Given your Monaco heritage and multilingual background, you might consider:

- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** Taught in English, internationally recognized, accepted at universities worldwide.
- **Private schools:** Some Danish private schools offer bilingual or specialized tracks.

Recommendation if:

- You're considering studying abroad later.
- You thrive in international environments.
- You're strong in English.




Personal Considerations

Here are a few questions to help you decide:

1. **Do you want to study at a university later?**
→ Then choose **STX, HHX, HTX, HF, or IB**.
2. **Do you prefer practical learning and starting work earlier?**
→ Then look at **vocational education (EUD)**.
3. **Are you interested in business, economics, or international relations (perhaps connected to Monaco)?**
→ Then **HHX** or **IB** could be a great fit.
4. **Do you have any strong personal interests (e.g., technology, art, healthcare)?**
→ Your interest can guide you toward the best upper secondary or vocational path.

Suggested Next Step for You

Based on what you shared:

- Fluent in Danish ✓
- Parents from Monaco 
- Completed primary school 
- Likely academically strong or at least open-minded 

► Recommended: Look into STX or IB

- **STX:** Offers many directions (science, humanities, languages).
- **IB:** Great if you're considering studying abroad or want an international environment.

If you're more interested in business or international careers, **HHX** could be the sweet spot.

What You Can Do Now

- **Talk to an educational counselor** (UU-vejleder in Denmark) — they're free and really helpful.
- **Visit schools' open house events** (they often happen in January–March).
- **Check out “UddannelsesGuiden”** (www.ug.dk) — the official Danish education guide.

Would you like help comparing STX vs IB vs HHX more directly, or want help finding schools near you that offer these paths?