ChatGPT

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Austria. 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 job finishing primary school, and it's great that you're already thinking about your next steps. In Denmark, after primary school (folkeskolen), there are several common paths you can take, depending on your interests, strengths, and goals. Here's a breakdown to help guide your decision:

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Primary School (in Denmark)

1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

This is for students who want to continue to university after.

Main options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**: Focus on general subjects (humanities, sciences, social studies). Good for university preparation.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)**: Focus on business, economics, marketing, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)**: Focus on science and technology – great if you're into engineering, IT, or science.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)**: A shorter 2-year program, good for adults or those wanting a more flexible path to higher education.

Best if: You enjoy academic subjects, might want to go to university in Denmark or abroad, and are unsure of a specific job yet.

2. Vocational Education and Training (Erhvervsuddannelser / EUD)

These programs combine school with practical work experience (apprenticeship). You graduate with qualifications to work in a skilled trade.

Examples:

- Carpenter, electrician, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, IT supporter.
- Often starts with a basic course (grundforløb) and ends with a main course (hovedforløb) + apprenticeship.

Best if: You like hands-on work, want to enter the job market faster, and prefer learning through doing.

3. International or Private Schools

If you're open to more international options, you might also consider:

- **International Baccalaureate (IB)**: Taught in English, recognized globally, and can prepare you for universities abroad.
- **Austrian or German schools (if available)**: Might help keep you connected to your heritage and open doors in Austria.

Best if: You're internationally minded or want to study abroad later.

🇩🇰 Extra Considerations

- You're fluent in Danish, which means all paths are open to you. That's a strong advantage.
- Being Austrian-Danish could open opportunities for studying or working in both countries later — think about where you might want to live long-term.
- You can often **combine vocational and general education later**, so you're not locked into one forever.

❓ How to Decide

Here are some guiding questions:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects or prefer practical, hands-on learning?
- Do you want to go to university someday?
- Are there specific careers you're curious about (engineering, teaching, business, IT, etc.)?
- Would you like to study or work abroad in the future?

✅ Suggested Next Steps

1. **Try "UG.dk"** – the Danish education site – for personality and interest tests.
2. **Talk to a guidance counselor** (Studievejleder) at your school or local youth education center (UU-vejledning).
3. **Visit open house events** (Åbent hus) at local schools to see what they offer.
4. **Look into internships** or "praktik" visits in fields you're curious about.

If you tell me more about your interests (subjects you like, careers you're curious about), I can give you a more personalized suggestion.