

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ireland. 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 a bit about yourself — that helps a lot. You're in quite a good position:

- You're fluent in Danish.
- You have an international (Irish-Danish) background.
- You've just finished primary school in Denmark, so you're about to enter what is called *ungdomsuddannelse* (youth education).

Since you're 16, I assume you may have taken a slightly different path through primary school or had a gap, but that doesn't change much. Here are some possible next steps, depending a bit on your interests and ambitions:

## 1 Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, HF) — if you want a general upper secondary education

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):**  
Broad academic focus: languages, science, social studies, arts. Great if you're still figuring out your interests. Excellent preparation for university.
- **HHX (Handelsgymnasiet):**  
Business and economics focus. Strong choice if you're interested in international business, economics, or management.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):**  
Focus on science, technology, IT, and engineering. Great if you like math, physics, or technology.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):**  
Shorter, more practically oriented (2 years instead of 3). Good if you want a faster path to certain professions or higher education, or if you prefer a slightly less theoretical focus.

## 2 Vocational Education (EUD/EUX) — if you prefer practical training and a clear job path

- You get both practical training and school education.
- **EUX** combines vocational training with general upper secondary education — good if you want both practical skills and the option to continue into higher education.
- Denmark has strong vocational education pathways in fields like:

- IT
- Construction
- Health care
- Electrician / Mechanic
- Hospitality / Culinary arts

### 3 International possibilities — leveraging your Irish background

- Some international schools in Denmark offer IB (International Baccalaureate), which may open more international university options later.
- If you're open to it, studying a few years in Ireland could also be an option — you may have easier access to their education system because of your parents' nationality.
- Your bilingual background can become a big strength for future jobs or studies.

### 4 Private or alternative education

- Efterskole (even though you're already 16, some accept older students for a year of personal development).
- FGU (Forberedende Grunduddannelse) if you need some preparation before starting youth education.

## My personal suggestion (based on what you told me)

- If you're academically curious → **STX or IB.**
- If you like business or economics → **HHX.**
- If you like science or tech → **HTX.**
- If you prefer hands-on learning → **EUX.**
- If you're still unsure → **HF or an efterskole year might help you clarify.**

👉 **If you tell me a bit more about your interests** (e.g. do you like languages, tech, business, people, helping others, etc.), I can give you a much more tailored recommendation.

Would you like me to?