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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Gabon. 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 that—it's great that you're thinking ahead about your education. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)** around age 16, you typically have a few different paths you can consider, depending on your interests, strengths, and goals. Since you're fluent in Danish and born in Denmark, you've got a strong foundation to build from.

Here are your main options, with guidance tailored to different interests:

1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

This is a great option if you're academically inclined and possibly thinking about university in the future.

Main tracks:

- **STX** (general upper secondary): Broad subjects, ideal if you're not yet sure what you want to study later.
- **HHX** (business-oriented): Focus on economics, marketing, international business—great if you're interested in business or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX** (technical/scientific): Focus on science, IT, and technology—good if you're into engineering or tech.

Why choose this?

- You keep your options open for higher education.
- You'll be with other students focused on academic learning.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This is the path if you want to **learn a trade and start working faster**, with hands-on training in fields like:

- Carpentry, plumbing, or electrician work
- Health care (like social- og sundhedsassistent)
- IT support, graphic design, or culinary arts

Why choose this?

- Learn a skill that gets you directly into a job.

- Combine school with practical internships.
- You can still move on to higher education later (e.g. via **EUX**, which combines vocational and academic courses).

3. Creative or Specialized Schools

If you're into **art, design, music, or media**, there are also preparatory schools and specialized programs:

- Film and media schools
- Art or fashion design programs
- Music conservatories (for talented students)

Why choose this?

- You can build a portfolio and skills early.
- You'll be surrounded by others who share your interests.

4. Efterskole (Optional, 1-Year Program)

Many Danish teens choose to go to **efterskole** for a year before gymnasium or EUD. It's a **boarding school** focused on personal growth, hobbies (sports, music, travel, etc.), or academic improvement.

Why choose this?

- Gain independence.
- Focus on something you're passionate about.
- Make friends and grow personally before taking on upper secondary school.

How to Choose?

Here are a few steps to help decide:

1. **Think about your interests:** What subjects or activities do you enjoy most?
2. **Talk to your school counselor:** They can help guide you and show you options near you.
3. **Visit open houses (åbent hus):** See schools in person and get a feel for them.
4. **Talk to others:** Family, older students, or teachers can give helpful advice.

Final Thoughts

Since you're still young and have your whole future ahead, **there's no "wrong" path—just the one that fits you best right now.** If you're unsure, **gymnasium** (especially STX or HHX) is a safe and flexible choice, and you can always adjust course later.

If you tell me more about your **interests, strengths, or dreams**, I can give more specific advice!