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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Gambia. 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 yourself—you're in an important and exciting stage of life! Since you've just finished primary school (in Denmark, that usually means **Folkeskolen** up to 9th or 10th grade), it's great that you're already thinking ahead.

Here's a breakdown of your **main educational options** in Denmark after primary school, along with some advice tailored to your background, skills, and future opportunities:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you enjoy academic subjects and think you might want to go to university later, this is a strong path.

Main types:

- **STX** (Alment gymnasium) – Focuses on a broad academic education with languages, science, and humanities.
- **HHX** (Handelsgymnasium) – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX** (Teknisk gymnasium) – Focus on technology, natural sciences, and IT.
- **HF** (Højere forberedelseseksamen) – A shorter (2-year) academic program, more flexible, often for students who want to get into specific professions or need an alternative to the 3-year path.

✅ **Recommended if:**

- You're strong academically.
- You like school subjects like math, science, languages, or social studies.
- You're open to going to university or other higher education after.

🛠️ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

If you prefer more hands-on work and want to get into a job more quickly, this path might suit you well.

You combine **school learning** and **paid apprenticeships** (praktik) in fields like:

- Health and social care
- IT and technology
- Mechanics, construction, plumbing
- Hospitality (hotels, cooking)

- Retail and business

✅ Recommended if:

- You prefer learning by doing.
- You want to earn money earlier.
- You're interested in a skilled trade or practical job.

💡 You can still go to higher education later (e.g., **EUX** combines vocational training with academic studies).

💻 3. Special interests or talents?

If you have a strong interest in:

- **IT or coding** – Denmark is growing in tech jobs.
- **Health or care work** – Your bilingual background can be very helpful.
- **Entrepreneurship or business** – HHX or even EUD Business could be great.
- **Creative fields** like design, media, or animation? HTX or special schools offer programs too.

🌍 Your Background: Use It as a Strength

Being bilingual (or trilingual if you speak Mandinka or another Gambian language) and growing up in a multicultural home is a **huge asset**. It gives you:

- Strong communication skills
- Cultural understanding
- Advantage in jobs like healthcare, business, teaching, or diplomacy

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👣 What I'd recommend:

Since you're just starting out, here are **two solid steps**:

1. **Talk to a vejleder (guidance counselor)** at your school or the **UU-vejledning** (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning). They can help you explore local options and give personalized advice.
2. **Consider a short internship** (brobygning or praktik) in different schools or job areas to see what fits.

📌 Summary (based on what you shared):

Path	Good if you want...	Next Steps
STX/HHX/HTX	Academic path to university	Choose subjects you enjoy most
HF	Flexible 2-year academic path	Easier if you want to start work or further training earlier

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Path	Good if you want...	Next Steps
EUD/EUX	A job quicker or hands-on learning	Look into trades, care work, or business
Specialized schools	If you have talent in IT, design, or other fields	Visit and ask about admission requirements

If you'd like, I can help you compare specific schools in your area or plan a path based on your interests. Would you like help thinking through your interests, strengths, or dream job?