

# ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Antigua and Barbuda. 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 your background — and congratulations on finishing primary school! That's a big step. Now, let's talk about your options and how you can make the most of your next phase in Denmark's education system.

## Your Options After Primary School in Denmark

In Denmark, after **Folkeskole (primary/lower secondary school)**, students typically choose one of the following paths:

### 1. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

- **Good if you want to start working sooner**, while also gaining real, practical skills.
- Combines school learning with on-the-job apprenticeships.
- Lasts about 3-5 years.
- Leads to a skilled trade or profession (e.g., carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, healthcare worker).
- You **can still go to higher education** later if you complete certain supplementary courses (EUX).

✓ *Best if you like hands-on work, and want a more practical approach.*

### 2. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic and prepare you for university or other higher education.

Here are the main types:

#### a) STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus on general subjects like science, social studies, and humanities.
- Good preparation for university.

#### b) HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- Great for careers in business, marketing, and international trade.

### c) HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus on science and technology.
- Good for future studies in engineering, IT, etc.

### d) HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years) and more flexible.
- Suitable if you want a general qualification but maybe don't want a full 3-year program.

✓ *Best if you want to go to university or higher education later.*

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## What Should *You* Choose?

Here are some questions to help guide your decision:

### 1. What are your interests?

- Do you like working with your hands, solving problems, helping people, designing, working with tech or business?

### 2. Do you enjoy school and academic learning?

- If you do: STX, HTX, or HHX might be good.
- If you prefer action, learning by doing: VET or EUX is a strong option.

### 3. Do you think you want to go to university later?

- Then STX, HHX, HTX, or even EUX are paths to keep that door open.
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## Bonus: Your Background Can Be a Strength

- With Caribbean roots and fluency in Danish, you bring a multicultural perspective. This is valuable in international business, language education, diplomacy, tourism, and more.
  - If you learn English at a high level (or already speak it well), you could thrive in **HHX (business)** or **international programs**.
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## ✓ Suggested Next Steps:

1. **Talk to your school guidance counselor** (Studievejleder).
2. **Visit open house events** at local gymnasiums or vocational schools.

3. **Try a "brobygning" or internship week** (offered to help you try different programs before deciding).
  4. **Think long-term** – even if you're unsure about university now, choose something that keeps your options open if you're unsure.
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If you tell me more about:

- What subjects or activities you enjoy,
- Whether you want to go to university,
- Or what kind of job you think you'd enjoy,

I can give you a more specific recommendation!