

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Malta. 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—it's great that you're thinking about your future early on. In Denmark, after finishing **primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole)**, you typically have a few main educational paths to consider, depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

Here's a breakdown of your **main options**:

## 🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs prepare you for university. Good if you like academic subjects and want to keep your options open.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**: Broad, academic focus (humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)**: Focuses on business, economics, and international affairs.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)**: Technical and science-focused – good if you enjoy math, physics, and technology.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)**: A shorter, 2-year academic program, often for more mature or practical learners.

✓ *Best if you're considering university or want a broad foundation before deciding.*

## 🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These combine school with apprenticeships and prepare you for specific jobs (e.g., electrician, carpenter, chef, social worker).

- You can often continue to university later if you take the **EUX** path (a combo of vocational and academic education).

✓ *Best if you want to get hands-on experience and start working sooner – or you like practical, real-world learning.*

## 💻 3. International or Specialized Programs

Since you have Maltese heritage and might be multilingual or interested in global opportunities:

- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** An international upper secondary education in English. Recognized globally.
- **Efterskole (optional):** A 1-year residential school for teens aged 14–18 – many focus on specific interests like arts, sports, or international themes.

✓ *Great if you want to study in English, are considering studying abroad later, or enjoy a global outlook.*

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## **How to Decide?**

Ask yourself:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects, or prefer hands-on learning?
  - Are you interested in working soon, or studying longer-term?
  - Do you want to stay in Denmark or explore options in Malta or elsewhere later?
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## **Based on your profile:**

- **You're fluent in Danish**, born and raised in Denmark – so all national options are open to you.
  - With **Maltese roots**, an international focus could be a plus later on.
  - Since you just finished primary school, **STX or HTX** would be good starting points if you enjoy school and might want to attend university someday.
  - If you're more practical, then **EUX** is a strong, flexible choice.
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If you can tell me more about:

- What subjects you enjoy,
- Whether you prefer academic or practical learning,
- Any dream job or areas of interest,

...I can give you more specific recommendations!