ChatGPT

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Comoros.
> 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 seriously about your next steps. Since you've finished primary school in Denmark (Folkeskole), you're now likely choosing between several different youth education options. Let's go through your main choices and how you might decide what's best for you:

🇩🇰 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are typically 3-year academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary, includes subjects like languages, science, history, etc.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology and science.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A shorter, 2-year general education program (more common for people who didn't follow the traditional 10th grade path).

✅ **Choose this if:**
You're interested in going to university, enjoy studying theoretical subjects, and are unsure of your career but want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

This is a practical, job-oriented path where you combine school and work.

- Examples: Electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, chef, carpenter, healthcare worker, etc.
- Usually takes 3-4 years, depending on the field.
- Ends with a journeyman's certificate and often leads directly to employment.

✅ **Choose this if:**
You enjoy hands-on work, want to earn money while studying (apprenticeships), and would like to start a job relatively soon after finishing.

3. Kombinationsforløb / EUD10 / Produktionsskole / FGU (Forberedende Grunduddannelse)

If you're not fully sure or ready to go into gymnasium or VET, these programs can help you get ready and figure out your interests.

✅ **Choose this if:**
You need more time to mature, improve your grades, or explore what you want to do.

🤔 How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- **Do you like school and studying?** → Consider STX, HHX, or HTX.
- **Do you enjoy working with your hands or helping people?** → Consider VET (erhvervsuddannelse).
- **Not sure yet?** → A 10th-grade year or FGU might be a great transition.

🎯 Personal Recommendations Based on You:

You're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and likely have a multicultural background. This can be a strength in many fields. Here's what I suggest:

- If you enjoy learning and are open to going to university in the future → **STX or HHX** might be good choices.
- If you're interested in starting work earlier or prefer a more practical education → **VET** is a great path (and respected in Denmark).
- If you're still unsure or want to try different things → Consider **EUD10** or **FGU** to test your interests.

👣 Next Steps:

1. **Talk to a guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)** at your school or kommune. They can help with choosing and applying.
2. **Visit open house events** at local gymnasiums or vocational schools.
3. **Try internships (praktik)** or bridge programs (brobygning) to test your interest.

Would you like help exploring what careers might suit your interests? I can guide you through that too.