Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Saudi Arabia. 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 carefully about your next step! Since you've just completed primary school in Denmark and you're 16, you're likely at the point of choosing a **youth education** path (*ungdomsuddannelse*), which typically follows after 9th or 10th grade. Denmark offers several solid options depending on your interests, strengths, and goals.

🎓 Your Main Options in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary education with a broad mix of subjects (humanities, sciences, and social sciences).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on technical and scientific subjects (e.g., engineering, IT, biology).
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year program (shorter than STX/HHX/HTX) often taken by those who need a more practical and flexible route to higher education.

These are good if you want to keep your options open for university or professions like medicine, law, business, or engineering.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

A more hands-on path that leads directly to a trade or profession (like electrician, carpenter, chef, healthcare worker, etc.).

- Combines **school-based learning** with **apprenticeships** in companies.
- Shorter route to the job market.
- You can still take **EUX**, which combines vocational training with academic subjects — this way, you can also go to university later if you want.

👤 Tailoring It to You

To help you decide, consider the following:

➤ **Do you like academic subjects and want to go to university?**

- **Go for STX, HHX, HTX, or HF**.
- Choose based on what interests you most: languages and society (STX), business (HHX), science/tech (HTX), or a more flexible/practical route (HF).

➤ **Do you prefer working with your hands or learning by doing?**

- **Try a vocational education (EUD)**.
- You can still keep the door open to university with EUX.

➤ **Are you unsure right now?**

- **Take 10th grade (10. klasse)** – it's totally okay.
- Gives you an extra year to mature, explore your interests, and improve your skills.

🌍 Other Considerations

- Being bilingual and having a multicultural background can be a huge asset — in fields like international business, healthcare, diplomacy, or translation.
- Denmark values social mobility, so all paths are respected — you're not "stuck" with one decision forever.

✅ Suggested Path If You're Still Deciding:

1. **If you enjoy school and want to keep doors open**: **STX** or **HHX** (especially if you like languages and business).
2. **If you prefer learning by doing or want a job faster**: **EUD or EUX**.
3. **If you're unsure or need more time**: **10. klasse** – not a setback; many students take it.

Would you like help deciding between a couple of specific programs? Or are there things you're especially interested in (like IT, medicine, entrepreneurship, social work, etc.)? Let me know — I can help you explore your options in more detail.