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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Botswana. 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 steps. In Denmark, you have several good educational paths to choose from after finishing primary school (folkeskole), and the best option for you depends on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

Here are the main educational paths available after 9th or 10th grade in Denmark:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

A) STX (Studentereksamen) – General upper secondary school

- Focus: Humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- Good if: You want broad academic knowledge and plan to go to university later.

B) HHX (Højere Handelseksamen) – Higher commercial examination

- Focus: Business, economics, and international studies.
- Good if: You're interested in business, trade, or economics.

C) HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen) – Higher technical examination

- Focus: Technology, natural sciences, and innovation.
- Good if: You're into science, IT, engineering, or tech.

D) HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen) – Higher preparatory examination

- Shorter (2 years instead of 3) and a bit more practice-oriented.
- Good if: You prefer a more flexible, hands-on academic program.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

- Focus: Practical training for specific careers (e.g. electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, healthcare assistant).
- Includes both school and apprenticeship.

- Good if: You want to start working sooner and prefer learning by doing.

There's also **EUX**, which combines vocational training with general upper secondary education. It's more demanding but keeps the university path open.

3. 10. klasse (Optional)

- One extra year of school to grow academically, socially, or emotionally before choosing a direction.
 - Some take this to prepare better for gymnasiale uddannelser or EUD.
 - You can attend a **10th grade at an efterskole**, which can be a great life experience if you're open to living away from home for a year.
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Some things to consider when choosing:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects and want to go to university? → Consider **STX, HHX, HTX, or HF**.
 - Do you like working with your hands or learning through real-world experiences? → Consider **EUD** or **EUX**.
 - Are you unsure and want more time to mature or improve academically? → **10th grade** or **efterskole** could help.
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My personal suggestion:

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and finishing primary school successfully, all doors are open to you. If you're still exploring your interests but enjoy academic learning, **STX** is a safe and flexible choice that keeps almost all study and career options open.

But if you're more interested in:

- **Business and languages** → HHX
 - **Science, engineering, or IT** → HTX
 - **Hands-on professions** → EUD or EUX
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Would you like help figuring out your interests more deeply? I can guide you through some self-assessment questions or suggest career exploration tools used in Denmark.