

# ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Brunei Darussalam. 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—you're in a really exciting stage of life with lots of possibilities ahead of you. Since you're 16 and have just finished primary school, I suspect there may be a small confusion in the terms, because in Denmark:

- **Primary school (Folkeskole)** usually ends around age **15 or 16**, typically after **9th or 10th grade**.

If you've just completed **9th or 10th grade**, you're now choosing your **upper secondary education** path—this is a big step, and your choice depends a lot on your interests, goals, and whether you're aiming for university, a trade, or something else.

**Here are your main options in Denmark after 9th/10th grade:**

## 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are great if you're interested in going to university later.

### A. STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic program – languages, sciences, social studies, etc.
- Good if: You like school subjects and want a traditional university path.

### B. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing.
- Good if: You're interested in business or economics and may want to study or work in that area.

### C. HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Technology, natural sciences, innovation.
- Good if: You enjoy science, tech, or engineering topics.

### D. HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Focus: Shorter (2 years), more practical.
- Good if: You want a quicker path to higher education or didn't enjoy traditional school.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

These programs combine school and practical training (apprenticeship).

- Good if: You want to **start working sooner** or like **hands-on learning**.
- Fields: Everything from electrician, IT-support, chef, mechanic, healthcare worker, etc.
- Bonus: You earn money during your apprenticeship (praktik).

You can always take **EUX**, which combines vocational training with academic courses, letting you also qualify for university later.

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## With Your Background

Being fluent in Danish and having a multicultural background can be a big advantage:

- If you're interested in **international business, diplomacy, or language and culture**, HHX or STX could be great.
- If you're into **STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Math)**, HTX is ideal.
- If you're more into **doing practical things** or want to start earning and working faster, VET (Erhvervsuddannelse) with or without EUX is a smart route.

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## How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic work and exams?
- Do I like practical, hands-on tasks?
- Do I already know what I want to do in the future?
- Would I prefer to start working soon, or study more before entering the job market?

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## My Advice

If you're still exploring, **STX** is a safe and broad option that keeps most doors open.

If you already know you're interested in a **specific field** (like tech, business, or healthcare), a **more targeted program** (HTX, HHX, or VET) might be smarter.

If you want, tell me more about your interests or what you enjoy learning or doing—and I can give you a more tailored suggestion.