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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from New Zealand. 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 — that's helpful context! In Denmark, finishing **folkeskolen (primary/lower secondary school)** at around age 15–16 gives you several paths to choose from, and the right one depends on your interests, strengths, and goals. Here's a clear breakdown of your main options, followed by some tailored recommendations based on your unique situation:

Main Educational Options After 9th/10th Grade in Denmark:

1. Gymnasium (STX) – General Upper Secondary Education

- **Focus:** Broad academic subjects (science, languages, humanities).
- **Duration:** 3 years.
- **Good for:** If you want to go to **university** later or enjoy academic subjects.
- **Note:** Often includes a mix of science, math, history, and literature.

2. HHX – Higher Commercial Examination Programme

- **Focus:** Business, economics, marketing, international trade.
- **Duration:** 3 years.
- **Good for:** Interested in **business, marketing, entrepreneurship**, or **economics**.

3. HTX – Higher Technical Examination Programme

- **Focus:** Science, technology, IT, and engineering.
- **Duration:** 3 years.
- **Good for:** Interested in **engineering, IT, technology**, or **science careers**.

4. HF – Higher Preparatory Examination

- **Focus:** General education but more compact and flexible.
- **Duration:** 2 years.
- **Good for:** Those who want a **faster route** to higher education or a more **practical approach**.

5. EUD / EUX – Vocational Education and Training

- **Focus:** Job-oriented training in trades like mechanics, hairdressing, carpentry, IT, etc.
- **Duration:** Typically 3–4 years (includes apprenticeship).
- **Good for:** If you want to **work sooner** and/or like **practical hands-on learning**.
- **EUX** combines this with academic subjects to allow university access too.

Tailored Recommendations for You

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and have New Zealand roots, here are a few personalized suggestions depending on your interests:

If you're curious about international opportunities or business:

- **HHX** is a great fit — it focuses on economics, marketing, languages (English, German/French), and international business.
- Could open doors to careers both in Denmark and abroad (like New Zealand).

If you're into science, IT, or engineering:

- **HTX** would give you technical skills and prepare you for engineering or tech studies at university or higher vocational programs.

If you're still unsure and want to keep doors open:

- **STX** gives the most flexibility — it's general, academic, and keeps most university options open.
- Ideal if you're not ready to specialize yet.

If you want to start working sooner or like practical jobs:

- **EUD or EUX** programs could be perfect. EUX especially keeps future university access open while you learn a trade.

Special Note: Dual Citizenship & English Language

With New Zealand family roots, you may have **dual citizenship** — which could be useful for:

- **Studying abroad** (e.g., later university in New Zealand, Australia, UK).
- **Choosing programs in Denmark with strong English components** (HHX or HTX often include business/technical English).
- **International careers** down the line.

What to Do Next

1. **Visit educational fairs or school open houses** (*brobygning* events).

2. **Talk to a UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)** – every Danish municipality offers free educational guidance.
 3. **Try a short internship or trial day** if you're considering EUD/EUX.
 4. **Check out online portals** like [UddannelsesGuiden](#) for program descriptions and entry requirements.
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If you tell me more about:

- Subjects you like (math, languages, hands-on work, etc.)
- Career ideas you might have
- Whether you like school or prefer practical learning

...I can give even more specific advice.