Uddannelsesmuligheder efter grundskole

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mauritius. 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 a bit about yourself! Since you're 16, born and raised in Denmark, fluent in Danish, and have just finished **primary school** (which likely means *grundskole*, up through 9th or 10th grade), you're now at a key decision point in the Danish education system.

Here's a breakdown of your main options after grundskole, and some guidance based on your situation:

🎓 Main Educational Paths in Denmark After Grundskole

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university or other higher education.

a. STX (Studentereksamen)

- **Focus**: Broad academic subjects – humanities, social sciences, natural sciences.
- **Best for**: If you're not sure what you want yet or want to keep doors open.
- **Duration**: 3 years.

b. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- **Focus**: Business, economics, marketing.
- **Best for**: If you're interested in business or entrepreneurship.
- **Duration**: 3 years.

c. HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- **Focus**: Science, technology, and IT.
- **Best for**: If you're interested in engineering, science, or technology.
- **Duration**: 3 years.

d. HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- **Focus**: Similar to STX but shorter and more flexible.
- **Best for**: If you prefer a faster route (2 years) to higher education and a slightly more practical style of teaching.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

- **Focus**: Learning a trade or practical profession (e.g. electrician, chef, mechanic, hairdresser, healthcare worker).
- **Best for**: If you want to work with your hands, get into the workforce sooner, or you know what job you want.
- **Duration**: Varies – usually 3-4 years including apprenticeship.

There are also **EUX** programs that combine vocational training with academic courses, so you can also go to university afterward.

🧭 What Should You Choose?

Here's how to think about it:

Ask Yourself	If Yes...	Possible Path
Do I enjoy studying general subjects (like Danish, history, math, science)?	Yes	STX or HF
Am I interested in business, finance, or running a company?	Yes	HHX
Do I love tech, IT, or science?	Yes	HTX
Do I prefer practical work over classroom learning?	Yes	EUD or EUX
Do I want a shorter, flexible academic path?	Yes	HF
Do I want to start working and earning earlier?	Yes	EUD (possibly EUX)

🌍 Additional Consideration: Your Background

Being from a Mauritian background in Denmark is a unique strength. You might be bilingual or bicultural, which is a great asset in global business, tourism, diplomacy, or international relations. So:

- **If you're multilingual** or interested in international environments → consider **HHX**, **STX with language focus**, or even **International Baccalaureate (IB)** if offered near you.
- **If you're unsure**, go to **education fairs (uddannelsesmesser)**, talk to a **UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)** at your school, or take a **praktik (internship)** week to try something out.

✅ My Recommendation (Based on What You've Shared)

Since you're open and don't mention a specific interest yet, I'd recommend:

> 👉 **STX** – it keeps your options open, gives a strong academic foundation, and allows you to decide later whether you want university, business, science, or something else.

If you already have a strong interest (e.g., IT, cooking, mechanics, design, etc.), then a **vocational education (EUD or EUX)** might be a better fit.

Would you like help figuring out what you might enjoy based on your hobbies, favorite subjects, or dream job ideas? I can help you explore that too.