

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The United Kingdom. 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! At 16 and fluent in both Danish and English with ties to both Denmark and the UK, you have some great options. Since you've just completed primary school in Denmark (likely meaning *folkeskole*, up to 9th or 10th grade), your next step would usually be upper secondary education. Here's a breakdown of the main paths you can consider, based on your interests, strengths, and future goals:

1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX) – Academic Upper Secondary Education

This is the most common choice if you're aiming for university later.

STX (Almen Studentereksamen)

- Focus: General academic education (humanities, sciences, social sciences).
- Best for: If you're interested in a wide range of subjects and want flexibility in future studies.

HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, and language.
- Best for: If you're interested in business, marketing, or economics and possibly studying or working internationally.

HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Technology and natural sciences.
- Best for: If you enjoy science, IT, engineering, or technical subjects.

✓ **Pros:** Keeps university doors open, strong academic foundation.

⚠ **Cons:** More theoretical; may not suit practical learners.

2. EUD or EUX – Vocational Education and Training

Perfect if you're more hands-on or want to enter the job market earlier.

EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse)

- Focus: Skilled trades (e.g., electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef).
- Work + school based.

EUX (Vocational + Academic Hybrid)

- Combines a trade education with subjects that allow university access.
- Longer than EUD but more versatile.

✅ **Pros:** Paid apprenticeships, job-ready skills.

⚠️ **Cons:** May limit academic options unless you choose EUX.

3. International or Boarding School Options

Given your UK background, you might consider:

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Available in Denmark and abroad.
- Taught in English.
- Globally recognized and great if you're considering university in the UK or elsewhere.

Efterskole (1-year boarding school)

- Optional 10th grade focused on personal development, often with themes (e.g., arts, sports, design).
- Good if you're unsure what to do next.

✅ **Pros:** Broadens horizons, helps with maturity.

⚠️ **Cons:** Delay in starting formal upper secondary education (but often worth it).

So, What Should *You* Choose?

Here's a quick recommendation based on possible paths:

If You Are...	Then Consider...
Academic & curious	STX or IB
Business-minded	HHX or EUX (business track)
Into science/tech	HTX or EUX (tech track)
Practical and hands-on	EUD or EUX
Still exploring, want a gap year vibe	Efterskole (10th grade)

If you're not sure yet, **a year at an efterskole** can be a great bridge between childhood and more serious educational decisions. It's popular in Denmark for exactly that reason.

Would you like help choosing between STX/HHX/HTX based on your interests? Or are you thinking more along the lines of international study or taking a gap year-like experience?