

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



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?

Thank you for sharing a bit about your background — it's very helpful. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which I assume means *folkeskole*), you're now at an important crossroads, and the Danish education system gives you a few solid options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Let me lay out a few common paths you can consider — and I'll also mention a few things specific to your situation as a 16-year-old fluent in Danish with Botswana heritage:

1 Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

- STX (Studentereksamen / general upper secondary)
- HHX (business-oriented)
- HTX (technical-oriented)
- HF (shorter, more practical option)

✓ Good if you:

- Want to keep your options open.
- Are interested in eventually going to university.
- Like academic subjects (STX), business (HHX), or science/technology (HTX).

👉 *Comment:* Since you're fluent in Danish and grew up in Denmark, you'll fit in easily. Your Botswana heritage could also give you a unique perspective in global topics, international economics, or cultural studies.

2 Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

- Apprenticeship-based, very practical, paid internships.
- You can become e.g. a carpenter, electrician, IT supporter, chef, etc.

✓ Good if you:

- Prefer hands-on learning.
- Want to enter the job market sooner.
- Want to learn a trade.

👉 *Comment:* Denmark has a very strong vocational system, and many people with international backgrounds do very well in VET programs. Some programs also allow for *eux*, where you combine vocational training with academic studies, keeping university options open.

3 International options (if interested)

- **International Baccalaureate (IB)**
- Taught in English, internationally recognized.
- More global focus.

✓ Good if you:

- Are thinking about studying or working internationally.
- Enjoy learning in English as well as Danish.
- Want a very academic education with strong global perspectives.

👉 *Comment:* Having parents from Botswana and being in Denmark, the IB could give you the best of both worlds and open doors internationally.

4 Other considerations:

- **Folk high school (højskole):** If you're unsure, you could do a short folk high school stay to explore interests.
 - **Bridging courses (brobygning):** You can try out different paths for a few weeks before deciding.
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My short recommendation:

If you are generally good at school and like academic work:

STX or IB would give you the most flexibility for the future.

If you like business, economy, or entrepreneurship:

HHX could be excellent.

If you like technology, science or design:

HTX might fit you very well.

If you prefer something more hands-on or practical:

VET (EUD/EUX) is a great path with excellent job opportunities.



If you tell me a bit more about:

- Your favorite subjects
- Whether you like academic or practical work more
- Any career dreams (even vague ones)

...I can give you a much more personal recommendation.

Shall we? 😊