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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Nigeria. 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! Since you're 16 and have just finished primary school in Denmark, you're at a key moment where you can shape your future based on your interests, strengths, and goals. In Denmark, the typical next step after **folkeskole** (primary/lower secondary school) is to choose one of several **youth education programs**.

Here's a breakdown of your main options, along with some guidance to help you decide:

Main Education Paths After Folkeskole

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are for students who may want to go to university later.

a. STX – Studentereksamen

- Focus: Broad academic subjects (humanities, sciences, languages).
- Good for: Those who are unsure but want to keep all options open, especially university.

b. HHX – Higher Commercial Examination

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing.
- Good for: If you're interested in business, management, or starting a company.

c. HTX – Higher Technical Examination

- Focus: Technology, natural sciences, innovation.
- Good for: Those interested in engineering, science, or IT.

d. HF – Higher Preparatory Examination

- Shorter (2 years).
- Good for: Those who want an academic route but prefer a shorter or more flexible program.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (EUD) – Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- Combines school with practical work experience (apprenticeships).
- Leads directly to a profession (e.g., electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, IT support, chef).
- Good if: You want to work sooner, like hands-on learning, or prefer practical skills over theory.
- You can still go to higher education later through **EUX** (a combined vocational + academic track).

How to Choose?

Here are some questions you can ask yourself:

1. Do I enjoy academic subjects like languages, science, or history?

- Consider: STX or HF.

2. Do I like practical, hands-on work?

- Consider: EUD or EUX.

3. Am I interested in business, trade, or economics?

- Consider: HHX.

4. Do I enjoy technology, programming, or science labs?

- Consider: HTX.

5. Am I not sure yet?

- STX keeps most doors open, or HF if you want flexibility.

Bonus Tip for Your Background

As a Danish-born child of Nigerian parents, you may have some unique strengths:

- **Multicultural perspective** – valuable in business, diplomacy, education, and global careers.
- **Language potential** – if you know or want to learn Yoruba, Igbo, or Hausa, you could use this in international work.
- **Representation** – we need more diversity in professional fields like medicine, law, politics, and tech.

Suggested Next Steps

1. Visit an “Uddannelsesvejleder” (educational counselor) – they can help match your interests with local options.
2. Attend open house events at local STX, HHX, HTX, or EUD schools.
3. Try an “brobygning” program (short trial courses at schools) to get a feel for the environment.
4. Talk to older students or teachers about what it’s really like.

If you tell me more about:

- Your favorite subjects in school
- What kind of work you think you might enjoy
- Whether you want to go to university someday

... I can help you narrow it down even more!