Proposed Navigation Enhancements for Search Button and Wall Bars

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Changes made within this proposed design

- The search button has been updated to allow users to click it a second time to return to the previous page, now displaying an 'Exit Search' label on the button when it is active

- Updated the wall bar options to be visible and accessible on smaller browser windows

Files updated to implement these changes

- SearchButton.svelte & SecondaryNavigator.svelte

Rationale for Search Button Navgiation Update:

- Currently, when users enter search mode, their options to exit are limited to clicking the browser's back arrow or selecting the course name or wall icon options. This, in some cases, can lead to accidental loss of progress, especially if they are in the middle of a lab.

- In the proposed update, users can click the search button a second time to exit back to the previous page, with an 'Exit Search' label appearing when it is active. This feature provides a clear and easily identifiable exit option, minimising the risk of disrupting users' workflow or focus by accidentally losing their previous place in the course.

Rationale for Wall Bar Update on Smaller Windows:

- Many users like to use split-screen views, with one side displaying the Tutors content and the other side displaying tools like VS Code. Currently, the options on the wall bar, such as filtering content by lab, are only visible on larger browser windows. This limits filtering accessibility for users who may be utilising split-screen setups or smaller screens.

- Updating the wall bar icons to be visible on smaller browser windows ensures that users have consistent access to these filtering options. This change allows users to stay focused on their learning without needing to resize their browser window to a larger size to filter and find content more easily, or having to manually search through all the units to locate the lab or other materials they need.